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Jobs increased in Connecticut during September, unemployment dropped to its lowest level in 21 years and other economic indicators improved, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages & Hours: Nonfarm jobs rose to 1,659,000, the year's second highest level. It was a monthly gain of 18,500 and 42,600 above 1986 (page 2). Manufacturing jobs were up from August by 8,500 to 391,100 with durable goods adding 7,400 and nondurable manufacturing payrolls posting an 1,100 increase. There also were 10,000 more jobs in nonmanufacturing categories, which all recorded increases from last year. Major monthly gains were in retail trade (+3,500) and transportation employment (+2,400). Other additions were in government, health, business and personal services and restaurants. Employment was up in the August-September period in 10 labor market areas, unchanged in one and down in four areas (pages 5 & 6).

Factory production workers earned a new record high in both hourly and weekly average wages at $10.45 and $438.90 for a slightly longer workweek of 42-hours (page 3). This was an increase of 33-cents per hour and $15.88 more a week from September 1986. Straight-time earnings were $10 an hour and $400 weekly, 3.2 percent higher than last year. New London/Norwich area factory workers received the highest weekly paycheck of $473.96, followed by Stamford, $472.22; New Britain, $462.46; Bristol, $459.65; Bridgeport, $451.26 and Danbury, $449.77 (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment dropped by 6,100 to an estimated 50,700 and the rate from 3.2 to 2.8 percent, the lowest since October 1966 (page 4). The seasonally adjusted September rate also declined from 3.3 to 3 percent which compared with 3.7 percent a year earlier. Connecticut's unemployment rates continued to outpace the national figures of 5.7, adjusted to 5.9 percent. Joblessness decreased in 13 labor market areas. One-tenth of a percent increases were recorded in Middletown and Norwalk. Included in the unemployment estimate are people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose compensation expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: General improvement was recorded in other economic indicators, with personal income of state residents at an all-time high of more than $5-billion, 152-million (preliminary estimate), fewer claims for unemployment insurance benefits, advanced manufacturing output and increased registrations for new automobiles (page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Sept. 1987(P)	Aug. 1987(R)	Sept. 1986(R)	% Change Sept.'87 over Aug. '87	% Change Sept.'87 over Sept.'86
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,659,000*	1,640,500*	1,616,400*	+ 1.1	+ 2.6
Manufacturing............	391,100*	382,600*	394,400*	+ 2.2	- 0.8
Durable..................	291,600*	284,200*	293,800*	- 2.6	- 0.7
Lumber & Furniture......	7,300	7,600	7,400	- 3.9	- 1.4
Primary Metals..........	14,400	13,700	13,300*	+ 5.1	+ 8.3
Fabricated Metals.......	45,200*	44,500*	45,600*	+ 1.6	- 0.9
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,000	46,900	49,000	+ 2.3	- 2.0
Electrical Equipment....	51,000	50,200	51,500	+ 1.6	- 1.0
Transportation Equipment	88,200	84,500	86,500	+ 4.4	+ 2.0
Instruments & Clocks....	24,300	23,900	26,200	+ 1.7	- 7.3
Other Durable...........	13,200*	12,900	14,300	+ 2.3	- 7.7
Nondurable...............	99,500*	98,400	100,600	+ 1.1	- 1.1
Food....................	13,400*	13,100	12,700	+ 2.3	+ 5.5
Textiles................	4,000	3,900	4,600	+ 2.6	- 13.0
Apparel.................	8,100	7,800	8,700	+ 3.8	- 6.9
Paper...................	9,600	9,600	9,600	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,600	27,300	27,400	+ 1.1	+ 0.7
Chemicals...............	22,900	23,000	22,700	- 0.4	+ 0.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,100	11,900	13,200	+ 1.7	- 8.3
Other Nondurable........	1,800	1,800	1,700	0.0	+ 5.9
Nonmanufacturing.........	1,267,900	1,257,900*	1,222,000*	+ 0.8	+ 3.8
Construction & Mining....	79,700	79,400*	77,900	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Transportation...........	40,300	37,900	38,600	+ 6.3	+ 4.4
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,200	16,100	15,200	+ 0.6	+ 6.6
Other Transportation....	24,100	21,800	23,400	+ 10.6	+ 3.0
Communications...........	20,000	20,000	19,300	0.0	+ 3.6
Utilities................	13,100	13,100	12,700	0.0	+ 3.1
Trade....................	378,500	375,200	362,600	+ 0.9	+ 4.4
Wholesale...............	86,700	86,900	83,900	- 0.2	+ 3.3
Retail..................	291,800	288,300	278,700	+ 1.2	+ 4.7
General Merchandise....	38,600	38,000	35,800	+ 1.6	+ 7.8
Food Stores............	52,800	51,300	51,400	+ 2.9	+ 2.7
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,300	33,200	31,600	+ 0.3	+ 5.4
Restaurants............	80,700	80,300	78,800	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Other Retail Trade.....	86,400	85,500	81,100	+ 1.1	+ 6.5
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	148,200	148,600	141,400*	- 0.3	+ 4.8
Banking.................	32,300	32,400	31,900	- 0.3	+ 1.3
Insurance...............	80,600	80,700	76,900	- 0.1	+ 4.8
Real Estate.............	14,500	14,800	13,600*	- 2.0	+ 6.6
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	20,800	20,700	19,000	- 0.5	+ 9.5
Services.................	391,000	392,500	375,400*	- 0.4	+ 4.2
Hotels..................	11,100	12,200	10,700	- 9.0	+ 3.7
Personal Services.......	19,600	19,200	18,800	+ 2.1	+ 4.3
Business Services.......	92,100	92,000	87,400	+ 0.1	+ 5.4
Health Services.........	114,500	114,100	111,600*	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Law & Professional......	33,600	33,600	30,600	0.0	+ 9.8
Educational Services....	33,800	31,200	33,200	+ 8.3	+ 1.8
Other Services..........	86,300	90,200	83,100	- 4.3	+ 3.9
Government...............	197,100	191,200	194,100	+ 3.1	+ 1.5
Federal.................	24,900	25,300	23,600	- 1.6	+ 5.5
State & Local...........	172,200	165,900	170,500	+ 3.8	+ 1.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

(R) Revised estimate

(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986(R)	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986(R)	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sept. 1986(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$438.90	$435.14	$423.02	42.0	41.8	41.8	$10.45	$10.41	$10.12
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.........	444.78	445.63	435.93	42.0	42.2	42.2	10.59	10.56	10.33
Lumber & Furniture...........	339.95	342.72	328.41	39.9	40.8	41.0	8.52	8.40	8.01
Primary Metals...............	487.72	489.34	453.45	44.5	45.1	45.3	10.96	10.85	10.01
Fabricated Metals............	419.76	418.06	405.54	42.4	42.4	42.2	9.90	9.86	9.61
Machinery....................	480.45	495.50	460.06	44.2	45.5	41.9	10.87	10.89	10.98
Electrical Equipment.........	378.40	378.81	356.34	41.4	41.4	41.1	9.14	9.15	8.67
Transportation Equipment.....	504.29	501.36	520.67	40.8	40.4	42.4	12.36	12.41	12.28
Instruments and Clocks.......	415.27	408.85	405.03	42.9	42.5	42.5	9.68	9.62	9.53
Other Durable Mfg............	378.39	386.51	388.92	40.6	40.9	42.0	9.32	9.45	9.26
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING......	418.25	405.96(R)	390.32	41.7	40.8	41.0	10.03	9.95(R)	9.52
Food.........................	416.42	414.92	381.85	41.6	41.0	38.3	10.01	10.12	9.97
Textiles.....................	324.35	319.57	328.08	39.7	39.6	41.9	8.17	8.07	7.83
Apparel......................	246.83	244.48	241.68	37.8	38.2	38.0	6.53	6.40	6.36
Paper........................	492.31	463.51	465.92	45.5	43.4	44.5	10.82	10.68	10.47
Printing and Publishing......	415.94	394.20	372.01	39.5	37.4	39.2	10.53	10.54	9.49
Chemicals....................	550.67	515.48	493.85	45.1	43.1	42.5	12.21	11.96	11.62
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	358.59	364.19	359.45	41.6	42.2	43.1	8.62	8.63	8.34
Other Nondurable Mfg.........	300.38	311.26(R)	309.89	37.5	39.3(R)	36.5	8.01	7.92(R)	8.49
CONSTRUCTION..................	574.68	595.58	604.88	37.1	39.6	39.9	15.49	15.04	15.16

(R)-Revised Data

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Sept. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Aug. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Sept. Number	1986(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	50,700	2.8	56,800	3.2	57,100	3.3
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.0)		(3.3)		(3.7)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport...........	7,900	3.4	8,800	3.8	9,500	4.2
Bristol..............	1,300	3.4	1,400	3.7	1,300	3.4
Danbury..............	3,400	2.8	3,600	3.0	3,400	3.0
Danielson............	1,400	4.2	1,500	4.4	1,800	5.2
Hartford.............	11,000	2.5	12,700	2.9	12,400	3.0
Middletown...........	1,300	2.6	1,300	2.5	1,100	2.3
Lower River..........	400	2.0	400	2.3	400	2.2
New Britain..........	2,200	3.0	2,700	3.5	2,700	3.5
New Haven............	7,600	2.7	8,900	3.2	8,400	3.1
New London/Norwich*..	4,100	3.0	4,700	3.4	4,700	3.6
Norwalk..............	2,100	2.4	2,000	2.3	2,100	2.6
Stamford.............	2,500	2.1	2,600	2.2	2,900	2.5
Torrington...........	1,300	2.5	1,400	2.8	1,500	3.2
Waterbury............	3,900	3.7	4,400	4.3	4,600	4.5
Willimantic..........	600	2.1	600	2.3	600	2.0
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.........	6,857,000	5.7	7,088,000	5.8	8,015,000	6.8
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.9)		(6.0)		(7.0)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Sep. '87	Aug. '87	Sep. '86
All Items..........	344.4	342.7	330.2
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.5	+ 4.3

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Sep.'87	Aug.'87	Sep.'86(R)	Percent Change to September 1987 from: Aug.'87	Sep.'86
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	199,840	197,230	193,240	+ 1.3	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	60,730	59,380	60,140	+ 2.3	+ 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	139,110	137,850	133,100	+ 1.9	+ 4.5
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,940	24,990	24,990	- 0.2	- 0.2
Manufacturing	7,590	7,680	8,520	- 1.2	- 10.9
Nonmanufacturing	17,350	17,310	16,470	+ 0.2	+ 5.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,160	83,080	81,190	+ 1.3	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	25,060	24,880	26,470	+ 0.7	- 5.3
Nonmanufacturing	59,100	58,200	54,720	+ 1.5	+ 8.0
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,600*	21,840	22,880	+ 3.5	- 1.2
Manufacturing	8,520*	8,390	9,230	+ 1.5	- 7.7
Nonmanufacturing	14,080	13,450	13,650	+ 4.7	+ 3.2
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	481,440*	473,870*	465,330*	+ 1.6	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	94,890*	92,190*	93,130*	+ 2.9	+ 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	386,550	381,680*	372,200*	+ 1.3	+ 3.9
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	44,110	43,330	42,660	+ 1.8	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	10,020	9,760	10,340	+ 2.7	- 3.1
Nonmanufacturing	34,090	33,570	32,320	+ 1.5	+ 5.5
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,950	15,170	14,350	- 1.5	+ 4.2
Manufacturing	4,590	4,620	4,700	- 0.7	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	10,360	10,550	9,650	- 1.8	+ 7.4
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	66,660	65,390	65,940	+ 1.9	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	20,360	19,840	22,190	+ 2.6	- 8.2
Nonmanufacturing	46,300	45,550	43,750	+ 1.6	+ 5.8
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	253,020*	249,380*	246,420*	+ 1.5	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	46,690	45,320	47,330	+ 3.0	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	206,330*	204,060*	199,090*	+ 1.1	+ 3.6
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	118,830	117,980*	116,500	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	33,960	33,860	34,610	+ 0.3	- 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	84,870	84,120*	81,890	+ 0.9	+ 3.6
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	75,660	75,950	73,700	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	20,420	20,420	20,800	0.0	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	55,240	55,530	52,900	- 0.5	+ 4.4
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	126,360	126,650	124,030	- 0.2	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	23,670	23,590	25,460	+ 0.3	- 7.0
Nonmanufacturing	102,690	103,060	98,570	- 0.4	+ 4.2

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Sep.'87	Aug.'87	Sep.'86(R)	Percent Change to September '87 from:	
				Aug.'87	Sep.'86
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,550	32,560	31,650	0.0	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	7,220	7,100	7,220	+ 1.7	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	25,330	25,460	24,430	- 0.5	+ 3.7
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	86,640*	86,040	85,010*	+ 0.7	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	23,190*	23,230	25,250	- 0.2	- 8.2
Nonmanufacturing	63,450	62,810	59,760*	+ 1.0	+ 6.2
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,780	20,800	22,550	+ 9.5	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	2,000	2,000	2,020	0	- 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	20,780	18,800	20,530	+ 10.5	+ 1.2

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986	Sep. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986	Sep. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986
Bridgeport	$451.26	$441.98	$424.97	41.4	41.0	41.1	$10.90	$10.78	$10.34
Hartford	447.91	441.08	434.50	41.9	41.3	41.9	10.69	10.68	10.37
New Britain	462.46	464.40	446.69	42.9	43.2	42.3	10.78	10.75	10.56
New Haven	405.01	412.70	403.35	40.1	40.7	41.2	10.10	10.14	9.79
Stamford	472.22	473.48	425.18	42.2	42.2	38.9	11.19	11.22	10.93
Waterbury	377.73	378.11	365.85	41.6	42.2	42.1	9.08	8.96	8.69

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 1987	Jun. 1987	Sep. 1986	Sep. 1987	Jun. 1987	Sep. 1986	Sep. 1987	Jun. 1987	Sep. 1986
Bristol	$459.65	$467.57	$456.60	43.2	42.7	42.2	$10.64	$10.95	$10.82
Danbury	449.77	439.56	404.60	44.4	44.0	42.5	10.13	9.99	9.52
Danielson	379.85	372.65	358.22	40.8	40.2	40.8	9.31	9.27	8.78
Middletown	444.24	451.85	464.12	39.7	40.2	41.7	11.19	11.24	11.13
Lower River	361.12	348.35	356.45	41.7	40.6	41.4	8.66	8.58	8.61
New London-Norwich**	473.96	451.45	457.73	41.0	40.2	41.2	11.56	11.23	11.11
Norwalk	437.65	443.10	423.72	41.8	42.2	41.5	10.47	10.50	10.21
Torrington	336.18	330.08	315.09	40.7	40.7	40.5	8.26	8.11	7.78
Willimantic	406.62	403.38	384.62	40.5	40.5	42.5	10.04	9.96	9.05

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1986							
Jan....	1559.4	1580.0	7749	5057	4.8	4.2	$4690.4
Feb....	1558.3	1583.0	3936	4551	4.7	4.1	4717.9
Mar....	1571.5	1586.7	3240	4384	4.3	4.0	4728.8
Apr....	1594.5	1594.6	3422	4108	3.7	3.8	4739.2
May....	1605.8	1597.4	3002	3988	3.6	3.8	4758.2
Jun....	1618.8	1599.5	3761	3929	3.7	3.7	4780.3
Jul....	1599.7	1606.1	5109	3569	3.9	3.7	4802.8
Aug....	1598.4	1611.9	3571	3849	3.6	3.7	4849.6
Sep....	1616.4	1611.4	2347	3761	3.3	3.7	4864.2
Oct....	1616.7	1607.1	2605	3527	3.2	3.6	4877.6
Nov....	1635.4	1620.1	3094	3592	3.3	3.6	4940.5
Dec....	1644.6	1623.7	6206	3573	3.4	3.4	4974.5
1987							
Jan....	1615.6	1636.9	5938	3876	4.0	3.5	5001.4
Feb....	1613.4	1639.6	3593	4154	4.0	3.6	5035.0
Mar....	1625.1	1641.5	2668	3610	3.8	3.7	5044.3
Apr....	1638.6	1638.6	2592	3112	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1648.8	1640.6	2455	3260	3.1	3.3	5063.6
Jun....	1664.2	1644.5	2861	2990	3.2	3.2	5087.8
Jul....	1644.5	1651.1	4588	3204	3.4	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1640.5(R)	1653.7(R)	2739	2952	3.2	3.3	5130.8(R)
Sep....	1659.0(P)	1654.0(P)	1789	2867	2.8	3.0	5152.4(P)
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1986						
Jan....	17276	19037	41.8	41.7	129.8	124.9
Feb....	11526	15269	41.5	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	10342	42.1	41.9	129.9	124.7
Apr....	27193*	26949*	41.9	41.8	129.8	125.1
May....	13873	13205	41.6	41.8	129.3	125.3
Jun....	16685	15104	41.9	41.9	130.5	126.4
Jul....	13991	15354	41.1	41.3	107.6	125.0
Aug....	17104	14698	41.0	41.6	110.3	126.3
Sep....	14550	13582	41.8	41.8	131.4	127.9
Oct....	13772	14304	41.9	41.9	132.6	128.8
Nov....	16441	14986	42.3	41.9	135.2	129.3
Dec....	16004	18283	42.4	41.9	122.8	129.8
1987						
Jan....	13430	14807	42.3	42.3	133.8	128.8
Feb....	12036	15942	42.0	42.2	132.3	128.1
Mar....	12797	11893	42.0	41.8	132.1	126.9
Apr....	14894	14761	41.6	41.6	130.8	126.0
May....	11027	10492	41.8	42.0	132.0	127.9
Jun....	11862	10735	41.9	41.9	129.1	125.1
Jul....	15214	16700	41.8	42.1	105.5	122.5
Aug....	12547	10779	41.8	42.4	108.5	124.3
Sep....	17917	16729	42.0	42.0	127.7	124.3
Oct.						
Nov....						
Dec....						

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary

*Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1972	51,737	$161,851,000	$ 92,681,000
1973	36,314	117,610,000	114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
Jan'86	39,301	$21,606,000	$ 7,426,000
Feb	33,020	19,053,000	16,808,000
Mar	30,986	19,496,000	714,000
Apr	25,332	15,528,000	35,043,000
May	21,832	12,810,000	90,339,000
Jun	22,048	12,974,000	1,662,000
Jul	24,767	13,734,000	17,325,000
Aug	24,416	12,797,000	37,543,000
Sep	19,880	12,221,000	955,000
Oct	17,903	10,473,000	10,716,000
Nov	17,918	9,912,000	19,419,000
Dec	22,003	14,980,000	755,000
Jan'87	33,123	18,946,000	5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans	
1972	$ 31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,342,000r

Total Outstanding Loans
(9/30/87)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (9/30/87)
$256.3 million

*Interest bearing r-revised

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November 1987

New records were set in Connecticut's economy during October when employment, hourly and weekly earnings, and personal income reached all-time high levels, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reported. At the same time, unemployment was up one-tenth of one percent.

Employment, Wages and Hours: A monthly increase of 8,800 nonfarm jobs boosted employment to a new high of 1,664,200 which was 47,500 more jobs than last year (page 2). Manufacturing showed a slight monthly increase while non-manufacturing recorded a job gain of 8,100 from September. Retail trade employment increased by 1,400 and the services category added 1,500 jobs. Compared with 1986, all non-manufacturing sectors were higher, and annual job increases were recorded in primary metals, transportation equipment, food and chemicals in manufacturing. Twelve labor market areas had higher employment levels which dropped in three (pages 5 & 6).

Average earnings of factory production workers set another record at $10.49 an hour and $444.78 weekly for a slightly longer workweek of 42.4 hours (page 3). In October 1986 hourly and weekly wages were $10.16 and $425.70 for a 41.9 hour week. Computed on a straight-time basis, both hourly and weekly wages were up marginally from September and 3.7 percent above the $9.72 per hour and $388.80 a week last year. Construction workers received the highest average weekly paycheck, $615.94, followed by those in chemicals, $538.46 and transportation equipment, $515.02. Among the six largest areas (page 6) the highest factory pay was earned in New Britain, $476.33, Bridgeport, $460.48 and Stamford, $459.82.

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment edged up from an estimated 50,700 to 52,100 and the actual and adjusted rates to 2.9 and 3.1 percent, respectively (page 4). The nation's October adjusted rate was 6 percent. Last year, with unemployment at 56,600, the actual rate was 3.2 percent and 3.6 percent seasonally adjusted. Included in the figures are those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others whose compensation expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force. Monthly unemployment declined in four labor markets, remained stable in two and increased in nine.

Other Indicators: In addition to record personal income for state residents of $5-billion, 174-million, and more jobs, manufacturing output improved and there were fewer first-time filings (seasonally adjusted) for unemployment insurance benefits (page 7).

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A report on 1986 worker wages in Connecticut, which increased by $2.9 billion from 1985, is attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Oct. 1987(P)	Sept. 1987(R)	Oct. 1986(R)	% Change Oct. '87 over Sept.'87	% Change Oct. '87 over Oct. '86
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,664,200*	1,655,400*	1,616,700*	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Manufacturing............	390,600*	389,900*	394,300*	+ 0.2	- 0.9
Durable..................	291,400*	290,800*	293,800*	- 0.2	- 0.8
Lumber & Furniture......	7,400	7,300	7,400	+ 1.4	0.0
Primary Metals..........	14,600	14,400	13,400*	+ 1.4	+ 9.0
Fabricated Metals.......	45,200*	45,200*	45,700*	0.0	- 1.1
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,800*	47,900	48,100	- 0.2	- 0.6
Electrical Equipment....	51,100	50,900	51,700	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Transportation Equipment	88,200	88,100	86,900	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Instruments & Clocks....	24,000	24,000	26,100	0.0	- 8.0
Other Durable...........	13,100*	13,000	14,500	+ 0.8	- 9.7
Nondurable..............	99,200	99,100*	100,500	+ 0.1	- 1.3
Food....................	13,200	13,100*	12,800	+ 0.8	+ 3.1
Textiles................	3,900	4,000	4,600	- 2.5	- 15.2
Apparel.................	8,200	8,100	8,700	+ 1.2	- 5.7
Paper...................	9,600	9,600	9,600	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,500	27,600	27,600	- 0.4	- 0.4
Chemicals...............	23,000	22,900	22,500	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,100	12,000	13,000	+ 0.8	- 6.9
Other Nondurable........	1,700	1,800	1,700	- 5.6	0.0
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,273,600*	1,265,500	1,222,400*	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Construction & Mining....	79,000	79,300	77,600*	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Transportation...........	40,600	40,500	38,500	+ 0.2	+ 5.5
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,400	16,400	15,300	0.0	+ 7.2
Other Transportation....	24,200	24,100	23,200	+ 0.4	+ 4.3
Communications...........	20,000	20,000	10,200*	0.0	+ 96.1
Utilities................	13,000	13,100	12,700	- 0.8	+ 2.4
Trade....................	380,100	378,500	363,900	+ 0.4	+ 4.5
Wholesale..............	86,900	86,700	84,600	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
Retail.................	293,200	291,800	279,300	+ 0.5	+ 5.0
General Merchandise....	40,200	38,600	37,100	+ 4.1	+ 8.4
Food Stores............	52,600	52,800	51,100	- 0.4	+ 2.9
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,500	33,300	31,600	+ 0.6	+ 6.0
Restaurants............	78,800	80,700	77,000	- 2.4	+ 2.3
Other Retail Trade.....	88,100	86,400	82,500	+ 2.0	+ 6.8
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	147,200	147,400	141,500	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Banking................	32,000	32,000	31,800	0.0	+ 0.6
Insurance..............	79,900	80,400	77,000	- 0.6	+ 3.8
Real Estate............	14,500	14,500	13,500	0.0	+ 7.4
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	20,800	20,500	19,200	+ 1.5	+ 8.3
Services.................	391,100	389,600	378,500	+ 0.4	+ 3.3
Hotels.................	10,800*	11,000	10,700	- 1.8	+ 0.9
Personal Services......	19,700	19,600	18,800	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
Business Services......	92,700	91,500	87,800	+ 1.3	+ 5.6
Health Services........	115,400	114,300	114,000	+ 1.0	+ 1.2
Law & Professional.....	34,000	33,600	31,000	+ 1.2	+ 9.7
Educational Services....	33,800	33,800	33,500	0.0	+ 0.9
Other Services.........	85,400	85,800	82,700	- 0.5	+ 3.3
Government...............	202,600	197,100	199,500	+ 2.8	+ 1.6
Federal................	25,300	24,900	23,900	+ 1.6	+ 5.9
State & Local..........	177,300	172,200	175,600	+ 3.0	+ 1.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$444.78	$438.90	$425.70	42.4	42.0	41.9	$10.49	$10.45	$10.16
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.........	454.97	444.78	436.35	42.6	42.0	42.2	10.68	10.59	10.34
Lumber & Furniture...........	358.64	339.95	330.40	41.8	39.9	41.3	8.58	8.52	8.00
Primary Metals..............	496.59	487.72	442.54	44.9	44.5	43.6	11.06	10.96	10.15
Fabricated Metals............	435.60	419.76	403.43	43.3	42.4	42.2	10.06	9.90	9.56
Machinery....................	491.68	480.45	476.76	43.9	44.2	43.5	11.20	10.87	10.96
Electrical Equipment.........	358.29	378.40	358.39	42.2	41.4	41.1	9.13	9.14	8.72
Transportation Equipment.....	515.02	504.29	523.18	41.5	40.8	42.5	12.41	12.36	12.31
Instruments and Clocks.......	426.19	415.27	398.16	43.4	42.9	42.0	9.82	9.68	9.48
Other Durable Mfg............	375.44	378.39	376.38	40.5	40.6	41.0	9.27	9.32	9.18
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING......	413.66	418.25	394.13	41.7	41.7	40.8	9.92	10.03	9.66
Food.........................	414.12	416.42	384.54	42.3	41.6	39.0	9.79	10.01	9.86
Textiles.....................	331.28	324.35	316.20	41.0	39.7	40.8	8.08	8.17	7.75
Apparel......................	259.52	246.83	241.60	39.5	37.8	37.4	6.57	6.53	6.46
Paper........................	474.90	492.31	468.69	44.3	45.5	44.3	10.72	10.82	10.58
Printing and Publishing......	398.70	415.94	373.07	38.3	39.5	38.5	10.41	10.53	9.69
Chemicals....................	538.46	550.67	525.98	44.1	45.1	44.2	12.21	12.21	11.90
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	373.25	358.59	339.90	43.1	41.6	41.1	8.66	8.62	8.27
Other Nondurable Mfg.........	320.76	300.38	324.28	39.6	37.5	36.6	8.10	8.01	8.86
CONSTRUCTION..................	615.94	574.68	613.66	40.1	37.1	39.9	15.36	15.49	15.38

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Oct. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Sept. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Oct. Number	1986(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	52,100	2.9	50,700	2.8	56,600	3.2
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.1)		(3.0)		(3.6)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport...........	8,200	3.5	7,900	3.4	9,300	4.0
Bristol..............	1,300	3.4	1,300	3.4	1,400	3.6
Danbury..............	3,600	3.0	3,400	2.8	3,500	3.0
Danielson............	1,400	4.0	1,400	4.2	1,600	4.6
Hartford.............	11,300	2.6	11,000	2.5	12,300	2.9
Middletown...........	1,400	2.6	1,300	2.6	1,500	2.9
Lower River..........	300	1.9	400	2.0	500	3.0
New Britain..........	2,200	2.9	2,200	3.0	2,500	3.3
New Haven............	7,800	2.8	7,600	2.7	8,400	3.1
New London/Norwich*..	4,400	3.3	4,100	3.0	4,500	3.4
Norwalk..............	2,000	2.3	2,100	2.4	2,000	2.4
Stamford.............	2,600	2.2	2,500	2.1	2,800	2.4
Torrington...........	1,400	2.8	1,300	2.5	1,400	3.0
Waterbury............	3,900	3.8	3,900	3.7	4,500	4.4
Willimantic..........	700	2.3	600	2.1	700	2.3
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.........	6,845,000	5.7	6,857,000	5.7	7,842,000	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.0)		(5.9)		(6.9)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Oct. '87	Sept.'87	Oct. '86
All Items..........	345.3	344.4	330.5
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 4.5

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Oct.'87	Sept.'87	Oct.'86(R)	Percent Change to October 1987 from:	
				Sept.'87	Oct.'86
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	201,270*	199,840	195,110	+ 0.7	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	60,790*	60,730	60,350	0.0	+ 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	140,480	139,110	134,760	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,020	24,940	24,950*	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	7,650	7,590	8,520	+ 0.8	- 10.2
Nonmanufacturing	17,370	17,350	16,430*	+ 0.1	+ 5.7
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,530	84,160	81,660*	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	24,930	25,060	26,440	- 0.5	- 5.7
Nonmanufacturing	59,600	59,100	55,220*	+ 0.8	+ 7.9
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,410*	22,600*	22,840	- 0.8	- 1.9
Manufacturing	8,420*	8,520*	9,360	- 1.2	- 10.0
Nonmanufacturing	13,990	14,080	13,480	- 0.6	+ 3.8
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	484,890*	481,440*	467,130*	+ 0.7	+ 3.8
Manufacturing	96,260*	94,890*	93,230*	+ 1.4	+ 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	388,630	386,550	373,900*	+ 0.5	+ 3.9
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	44,560	44,110	43,060*	+ 1.0	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	9,760	10,020	10,440	- 2.6	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	34,800	34,090	32,620*	+ 2.1	+ 6.7
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,810	14,950	14,210*	- 0.9	+ 4.2
Manufacturing	4,570	4,590	4,690	- 0.4	- 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	10,240	10,360	9,520*	- 1.2	+ 7.6
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,220	66,660	65,910*	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	20,370	20,360	21,810	+ 0.1	- 6.6
Nonmanufacturing	46,850	46,300	44,100*	+ 1.2	+ 6.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	254,560	253,020*	242,440*	+ 0.6	+ 5.0
Manufacturing	46,330	46,690	47,490	- 0.8	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	208,230	206,330*	194,950*	+ 0.9	+ 6.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	117,950	118,830	114,870*	- 0.7	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	33,900	33,960	34,640	- 0.2	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	84,050	84,870	80,230*	- 1.0	+ 4.8
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	76,100	75,660	73,980*	+ 0.6	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	20,450	20,420	20,840	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	55,650	55,240	53,140*	+ 0.7	+ 4.7
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	127,020	126,360	123,940*	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	23,800	23,670	25,100	+ 0.5	- 5.2
Nonmanufacturing	103,220	102,690	98,840*	+ 0.5	+ 4.4

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

				Percent Change to October 1987 from:	
Statistical Area	Oct.'87	Sept.'87	Oct.'86(R)	Sept.'87	Oct.'86
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,580	32,550	31,530	+ 0.1	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	7,210	7,220	7,310	- 0.1	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	25,370	25,330	24,220	+ 0.2	+ 4.7
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	87,440	86,640*	85,220*	+ 0.9	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	23,280	23,190*	24,980	+ 0.4	- 6.8
Nonmanufacturing	64,160	63,450	60,240*	+ 1.1	+ 6.5
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,710	22,780	23,350	+ 4.1	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	2,010	2,000	2,040	+ 0.5	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	21,700	20,780	21,310	+ 4.4	+ 1.8

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
Bridgeport	$460.48	$451.26	$422.71	41.9	41.4	41.0	$10.99	$10.90	$10.31
Hartford	447.91	447.91	433.68	41.9	41.9	41.7	10.69	10.69	10.40
New Britain	476.33	462.46	446.90	43.7	42.9	42.4	10.90	10.78	10.54
New Haven	407.63	405.01	403.91	40.2	40.1	41.3	10.14	10.10	9.78
Stamford	459.82	472.22	455.81	40.3	42.2	41.4	11.41	11.19	11.01
Waterbury	388.25	377.73	371.51	42.9	41.6	42.9	9.05	9.08	8.66

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1986							
Jan....	1559.4	1580.0	7749	5057	4.8	4.2	$4690.4
Feb....	1558.3	1583.0	3936	4551	4.7	4.1	4717.9
Mar....	1571.5	1586.7	3240	4384	4.3	4.0	4728.8
Apr....	1594.5	1594.6	3422	4108	3.7	3.8	4739.2
May....	1605.8	1597.4	3002	3988	3.6	3.8	4758.2
Jun....	1618.8	1599.5	3761	3929	3.7	3.7	4780.3
Jul....	1599.7	1606.1	5109	3569	3.9	3.7	4802.8
Aug....	1598.4	1611.9	3571	3849	3.6	3.7	4849.6
Sep....	1616.4	1611.4	2347	3761	3.3	3.7	4864.2
Oct....	1616.7	1607.1	2605	3527	3.2	3.6	4877.6
Nov....	1635.4	1620.1	3094	3592	3.3	3.6	4940.5
Dec....	1644.6	1623.7	6206	3573	3.4	3.4	4974.5
1987							
Jan....	1615.6	1636.9	5938	3876	4.0	3.5	5001.4
Feb....	1613.4	1639.6	3593	4154	4.0	3.6	5035.0
Mar....	1625.1	1641.5	2668	3610	3.8	3.7	5044.3
Apr....	1638.6	1638.6	2592	3112	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1648.8	1640.6	2455	3260	3.1	3.3	5063.6
Jun....	1664.2	1644.5	2861	2990	3.2	3.2	5087.8
Jul....	1644.5	1651.1	4588	3204	3.4	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1640.5	1653.7	2739	2952	3.2	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1655.4(R)	1650.4(R)	1789	2867	2.8	3.0	5144.9(R)
Oct....	1664.2(P)	1654.3(P)	1952	2641	2.9	3.1	5174.5(P)
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1986						
Jan....	17276	19037	41.8	41.7	129.8	124.9
Feb....	11526	15269	41.5	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	10342	42.1	41.9	129.9	124.7
Apr....	27193*	26949*	41.9	41.8	129.8	125.1
May....	13873	13205	41.6	41.8	129.3	125.3
Jun....	16685	15104	41.9	41.9	130.5	126.4
Jul....	13991	15354	41.1	41.3	107.6	125.0
Aug....	17104	14698	41.0	41.6	110.3	126.3
Sep....	14550	13582	41.8	41.8	131.4	127.9
Oct....	13772	14304	41.9	41.9	132.6	128.8
Nov....	16441	14986	42.3	41.9	135.2	129.3
Dec....	16004	18283	42.4	41.9	122.8	129.8
1987						
Jan....	13430	14807	42.3	42.3	133.8	128.8
Feb....	12036	15942	42.0	42.2	132.3	128.1
Mar....	12797	11893	42.0	41.8	132.1	126.9
Apr....	14894	14761	41.6	41.6	130.8	126.0
May....	11027	10492	41.8	42.0	132.0	127.9
Jun....	11862	10735	41.9	41.9	129.1	125.1
Jul....	15214	16700	41.8	42.1	105.5	122.5
Aug....	12547	10779	41.8	42.4	108.5	124.3
Sep....	17917	16729	42.0	42.0	127.7	124.3
Oct.	12587	13071	42.4	42.4	130.4	126.6
Nov....						
Dec....						

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary

*Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1972	51,737	$161,851,000	$ 92,681,000
1973	36,314	117,610,000	114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
Jan'86	39,301	$21,606,000	$ 7,426,000
Feb	33,020	19,053,000	16,808,000
Mar	30,986	19,496,000	714,000
Apr	25,332	15,528,000	35,043,000
May	21,832	12,810,000	90,339,000
Jun	22,048	12,974,000	1,662,000
Jul	24,767	13,734,000	17,325,000
Aug	24,416	12,797,000	37,543,000
Sep	19,880	12,221,000	955,000
Oct	17,903	10,473,000	10,716,000
Nov	17,918	9,912,000	19,419,000
Dec	22,003	14,980,000	755,000
Jan'87	33,123	18,946,000	5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans	
1972	$ 31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,367,000r

Total Outstanding Loans (10/31/87)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (10/31/87)

$255.9 million

*Interest bearing r-revised

CONNECTICUT WORKERS AVERAGED $22,522 IN 1986

Wages paid to Connecticut workers covered under State and Federal Unemployment Insurance Laws totaled more than $35.8 billion in 1986, an increase of $2.9 billion over wages paid in 1985. There were 89,779 firms in business in the State during the final quarter of 1986, and average employment for the year fell just short of the 1.6 million mark. Wages paid to these workers averaged $22,522, 6.0 percent more than the $21,239 reported in 1985.

Of the major industry divisions, that with the highest paid workers was mining where annual wages averaged $40,750. The mining industry in Connecticut consists primarily of corporate headquarters rather than actual mining operations. The next highest paying industry division was wholesale trade whose workers received an average of $30,028, a 6.0 percent increase over their 1985 earnings. Workers in durable goods wholesaling earned considerably more than those working in nondurable goods.

Manufacturing, the next best paying division, reported average earnings of $28,555 for the year. Within manufacturing, the highest paying industry group was tobacco ($47,301), which is also dominated by corporate headquarters. This was followed by the chemicals ($37,268), petroleum and coal products ($34,433) and transportation equipment ($33,459) industries.

In the transportation, communications and utilities division, top wages were paid in the largest segment, the communications and utilities group whose workers earned an average of $35,155 in 1986, up 9.9 percent from 1985. There was an overall 10.1 percent increase in the wage level in the finance, insurance and real estate division. Two small components in this sector had wages substantially higher than the $27,009 annual average: security, commodity brokers and services ($57,709), and holding and other investment offices ($53,482).

The number of construction firms in business grew by 10.4 percent between 1985 and 1986 and their employment increased by 5,303 workers during that time. The best paid of the construction industries was the smallest: heavy construction contractors, where workers received annual average wages of $32,625.

Among government workers, highest wages were paid to federal employees who averaged $26,621 in 1986. However, this represented only a 1.7 percent increase in earnings between 1985 and 1986. Local government workers, the lowest paid in 1986 ($20,915), were making an average 8.6 percent better wage than in 1985.

There were 18,927 additional workers and 1,214 more firms in the service sector in 1986 than a year earlier. The best paid service workers, on average, were in a miscellaneous category which includes engineering, accounting and research organizations ($30,338), and the legal services group ($26,916).

While retail trade was the lowest paying of the major industry groups, with an annual wage of $12,198, this figure represented a 9.2 percent increase from a year earlier. The best paying retail industry group included automotive dealers and service stations at $20,458. The lowest paying was the eating and drinking place group where heavy use of part-time help is common.

Connecticut Labor Department
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Office of Research and Information

CONNECTICUT

COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY INDUSTRY *
FOR 1986

Industrial Classification	Units Reporting 4th Qtr.	Annual Average Employment	Total Wages (in millions)	Annual Average Wage	Average Weekly Wage
TOTAL - ALL INDUSTRIES	**89,779**	**1,591,162**	**$35,835.5**	**$22,522**	**$433.12**
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	**1,684**	**13,270**	**179.1**	**13,500**	**259.62**
Agriculture Production - Crops	116	4,566	49.9	10,919	209.98
Agriculture Production - Livestock	50	1,302	22.7	17,471	335.98
Agriculture Services	1,494	7,318	104.7	14,301	275.02
Forestry and Fishing	24	85	1.9	22,148	425.92
Mining	**83**	**1,583**	**64.5**	**40,750**	**783.65**
Construction	**11,051**	**71,175**	**1,872.3**	**26,306**	**505.88**
General Building Contractors	3,691	21,145	561.8	26,571	510.98
Heavy Construction Contractors	374	6,849	223.5	32,625	627.40
Special Trade Contractors	6,986	43,181	1,087.0	25,173	484.10
Manufacturing	**6,336**	**395,073**	**11,281.3**	**28,555**	**549.13**
Food and Kindred Products	201	12,726	316.8	24,893	478.71
Tobacco Manufacturers	5	527	24.9	47,301	909.63
Textile Mill Products	78	4,667	90.8	19,466	374.35
Apparel and Other Textile Products	188	8,324	161.4	19,391	372.90
Lumber and Wood Products	254	3,491	81.8	23,432	450.62
Furniture and Fixtures	121	4,042	82.7	20,466	393.58
Paper and Allied Products	106	9,572	297.8	31,109	598.25
Printing and Publishing	923	27,691	634.6	22,919	440.75
Chemicals and Allied Products	164	22,685	845.4	37,268	716.69
Petroleum and Coal Products	18	264	9.1	34,433	662.17
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	282	12,690	306.6	24,164	464.69
Leather and Leather Products	18	820	10.4	12,712	244.46
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	165	5,112	133.3	26,068	501.31
Primary Metal Industries	194	13,630	377.1	27,666	532.04
Fabricated Metal Products	999	45,613	1,133.3	24,847	477.83
Machinery, Except Electrical	1,452	50,114	1,484.9	29,629	569.79
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	507	51,901	1,427.8	27,510	529.04
Transportation Equipment	169	85,543	2,862.1	33,459	643.44
Instruments and Related Products	272	26,495	779.4	29,416	565.69
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	220	9,165	220.9	24,104	463.54
Transportation, Communications & Util.	**2,748**	**66,262**	**1,858.8**	**28,053**	**539.48**
Local and Interurban Passenger Transit	268	9,370	124.1	13,247	254.75
Trucking and Warehousing	1,042	14,974	375.4	25,069	482.10
Water Transportation	169	1,981	55.6	28,064	539.69
Transportation by Air	123	3,775	91.3	24,190	465.19
Railroad and Transportation Services	655	5,031	118.0	23,457	451.10
Communication and Utilities	491	31,131	1,094.4	35,155	676.06
Wholesale Trade	**8,636**	**84,181**	**2,527.8**	**30,028**	**577.46**
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	5,573	52,112	1,651.2	31,686	609.35
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	3,063	32,069	876.6	27,334	525.65

Industrial Classification	Units Reporting 4th Qtr.	Annual Average Employment	Total Wages (in millions)	Annual Average Wage	Average Weekly Wage
Retail Trade	**19,113**	**276,827**	**$ 3,376.8**	**$12,198**	**$234.58**
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	1,002	11,327	224.1	19,787	380.52
General Merchandise Stores	395	35,806	396.9	11,083	213.13
Food Stores	2,115	49,462	526.9	10,652	204.85
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2,477	31,078	635.8	20,458	393.42
Apparel and Accessories Stores	1,563	18,660	207.8	11,138	214.19
Furniture and Home Furnishing Stores	1,598	12,060	196.2	16,273	312.94
Eating and Drinking Places	4,915	78,043	618.8	7,929	152.48
Miscellaneous Retail	5,048	40,391	570.2	14,117	271.48
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	**6,745**	**138,430**	**3,738.9**	**27,009**	**519.40**
Banking	557	31,823	634.0	19,921	383.10
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	643	10,343	281.9	27,251	524.06
Security, Commodity Brokers & Services	520	5,750	331.8	57,709	1,109.79
Insurance Carriers	440	65,782	1,812.3	27,551	529.83
Insurance Agents, Brokers & Services	1,409	9,221	249.5	27,059	520.37
Real Estate	2,900	13,396	329.8	24,622	473.50
Combined Real Estate, Insurance, Etc.	75	484	12.3	25,367	487.83
Holding and Other Investment Offices	201	1,632	87.3	53,482	1,028.50
Services	**30,049**	**352,665**	**6,624.3**	**18,783**	**361.21**
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	355	10,646	117.1	10,997	211.48
Personal Services	3,074	18,047	208.6	11,559	222.29
Business Services	6,928	84,523	1,686.4	19,952	383.69
Auto Repair, Services and Garages	1,959	10,919	185.3	16,970	326.35
Miscellaneous Repair Services	956	4,625	95.5	20,650	397.12
Motion Pictures	251	2,026	36.9	18,217	350.33
Amusement and Recreation Services	956	12,382	151.3	12,223	235.06
Health Services	5,818	112,363	2,252.1	20,043	385.44
Legal Services	1,944	12,040	324.1	26,916	517.62
Educational Services	559	30,042	570.5	18,992	365.23
Social Services	1,281	20,016	244.1	12,194	234.50
Museums, Botanical, Zoological Gardens	51	1,011	12.0	11,868	228.23
Membership Organizations	1,429	12,219	147.4	12,064	232.00
Private Households	2,398	3,378	33.8	10,017	192.63
Miscellaneous Services	2,090	18,430	559.1	30,338	583.42
Government	**3,334**	**191,694**	**4,311.7**	**22,493**	**432.55**
Federal Government	473	23,813	633.9	26,621	511.94
State Government	634	56,703	1,352.5	23,852	458.69
Local Government	2,227	111,178	2,325.3	20,915	402.21

* Covered employment under unemployment insurance laws includes all workers with the following general exceptions: (1) Railroad employees who are covered under a special railroad unemployment insurance act: (2) Religious organizations and some private elementary and secondary schools run by churches: and (3) Certain agricultural and private household workers whose employers do not meet the size or payroll or time criteria established by the laws.

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December 1987

Connecticut's nonfarm employment rose by 10,400 jobs to a new high in November when production worker wages and personal income also reached record levels, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. At the same time, seasonally adjusted unemployment edged from October's 3.1 to 3.4 percent.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total employment increased to an all-time high of 1,673,600 jobs, up from 1,663,200 in October (page 2). Since November 1986 there was a gain of 38,200 jobs (2.3 percent). Manufacturing showed a slight monthly increase to 389,700 and with the November improvement was 5,200 jobs above July which was the low for the year. In nonmanufacturing, the trade category had more jobs than the previous month and last year with similar increases in finance, insurance and real estate, services and government. Monthly employment gains were recorded in 12 labor markets and jobs declined in the remaining three areas (pages 5 & 6).

Wages of factory production workers set new records at a $447.11 weekly average and $10.57 per hour (page 3) for a 42.3-hour week. This compared with $444.78 and $10.49 for 42.4 hours during October and $434 weekly and $10.26 in 1986 when the workweek was 42.3 hours. Straight-time earnings in November of $403.20 a week and $10.08 hourly were unchanged from the previous month and 3 percent above 1986 weekly and hourly wages of $391.60 and $9.79. New Britain area workers received the highest average weekly pay among the six largest labor markets at $473.28, followed by Stamford, $458.68, and Bridgeport, $454.71 (page 6).

Unemployment: November's unemployment was estimated at 56,700 or 3.2 percent, up from 52,100 and 2.9 in October (page 4). This compared with unemployment of 58,000 and 3.3 percent in 1986 and was substantially under the national November rate of 5.6 percent. When adjusted for seasonal factors, the 3.4 percent November figure was also up three-tenths of a percent from the previous month. Included in the estimate are people receiving unemployment insurance benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force. During the January-November period, $149.3 million was paid in unemployment benefits, down from $166 million in 1986. The average weekly benefit check received by claimants during November was $164.92 which compared with $154.51 a year earlier. The balance in the unemployment compensation Trust Fund at November's end was $270.9 million, up from $199.6 in 1986.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the economy, personal income of state residents topped the $5.2 billion mark, manufacturing output improved and new automobile registrations increased (page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Nov. 1987(P)	Oct. 1987(R)	Nov. 1986(R)	% Change Nov. '87 over Oct .'87	% Change Nov. '87 over Nov. '86
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,673,600*	1,663,200*	1,635,400*	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Manufacturing............	389,700*	389,200*	395,200*	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Durable..................	290,600*	290,500*	294,700*	+ 0.0**	- 1.4
Lumber & Furniture......	7,400	7,300	7,400	+ 1.4	0.0
Primary Metals..........	14,700	14,600	13,600*	+ 0.7	+ 8.1
Fabricated Metals.......	45,500*	45,300*	45,700*	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,300*	47,800*	48,300	- 1.0	- 2.1
Electrical Equipment....	51,300	51,000	51,700	+ 0.6	- 0.8
Transportation Equipment	87,300	87,500	87,800	- 0.2	- 0.6
Instruments & Clocks....	24,000	24,000	25,600*	0.0	- 6.3
Other Durable...........	13,100	13,000*	14,600	+ 0.8	- 10.3
Nondurable...............	99,100	98,700	100,500	+ 0.4	- 1.4
Food....................	13,200	13,300	12,500	- 0.8	+ 5.6
Textiles................	3,800	3,800	4,600	0 0	- 17.4
Apparel.................	8,400	8,200	8,700	+ 2.4	- 3.4
Paper...................	9,500	9,600	9,600	- 1.0	- 1.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,700	27,500	27,700	+ 0.7	0.0
Chemicals...............	22,700	22,400	22,800	+ 1.3	- 0.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,100	12,100	12,900	0.0	- 6.2
Other Nondurable........	1,700	1,800	1,700	- 5.6	0.0
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,283,900*	1,274,000*	1,240,200	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
Construction & Mining....	78,600	79,300	77,300	- 0.9	+ 1.7
Transportation...........	40,900	40,700	38,800	+ 0.5	+ 5.4
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,800	16,500	15,600	+ 1.8	+ 7.7
Other Transportation....	24,100	24,200	23,200	- 0.4	+ 3.9
Communications...........	19,900	20,000	19,300	- 0.5	+ 3.1
Utilities................	13,100	13,000	12,700	- 0.8	+ 3.1
Trade....................	386,000	379,500	369,400	+ 1.7	+ 4.5
Wholesale...............	87,600	87,400	84,900	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
Retail..................	298,400	292,100	284,500	+ 2.2	+ 4.9
General Merchandise....	42,200	39,100	39,800	+ 7.9	+ 6.0
Food Stores............	53,100	52,600	51,300	+ 1.0	+ 3.5
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,500	33,500	31,800	0.0	+ 5.3
Restaurants............	79,100	78,800	77,200	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Other Retail Trade.....	90,500	88,100	84,400	+ 2.7	+ 7.2
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	147,000	146,900	142,000	+ 0.1	+ 3.5
Banking.................	32,100	32,000	32,000	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Insurance...............	79,700	79,800	77,200	- 0.1	+ 3.2
Real Estate.............	14,500	14,500	13,500	0.0	+ 7.4
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	20,700	20,600	19,300	+ 0.5	+ 7.3
Services.................	392,400*	392,000*	378,500	+ 0.1	+ 3.7
Hotels..................	10,400*	10,800*	10,300	- 3.7	+ 1.0
Personal Services.......	19,800	19,700	18,900	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
Business Services.......	92,200	91,700	88,400	+ 0.5	+ 4.3
Health Services.........	116,000	115,500	114,400	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Law & Professional......	34,100	34,000	31,100	+ 0.3	+ 9.6
Educational Services....	33,600	33,800	33,200	- 0.6	- 1.2
Other Services..........	86,300	86,500	82,200	- 0.2	+ 5.0
Government...............	206,000	202,600	202,200	+ 1.7	+ 1.9
Federal.................	25,600	25,300	24,200	+ 1.2	+ 5.8
State & Local...........	180,400	177,300	178,000	+ 1.7	+ 1.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.05 percent.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$447.11	$444.78	$434.00	42.3	42.4	42.3	$10.57	$10.49	$10.26
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.........	458.38	444.97	447.26	42.6	42.6	42.8	10.76	10.68	10.45
Lumber & Furniture...........	353.38	358.64	335.32	40.9	41.8	41.5	8.64	8.58	8.08
Primary Metals...............	491.01	496.59	467.74	44.8	44.9	45.5	10.96	11.06	10.28
Fabricated Metals............	429.56	435.60	409.70	42.7	43.3	42.5	10.06	10.06	9.64
Machinery....................	496.25	491.68	485.98	43.8	43.9	44.1	11.33	11.20	11.02
Electrical Equipment.........	391.78	358.29	364.15	42.4	42.2	41.1	9.24	9.13	8.86
Transportation Equipment.....	524.16	515.02	535.68	41.6	41.5	43.2	12.60	12.41	12.40
Instruments and Clocks.......	431.54	426.19	410.77	43.9	43.4	42.7	9.83	9.82	9.62
Other Durable Mfg............	372.89	375.44	386.98	40.4	40.5	41.7	9.23	9.27	9.28
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING......	414.00	413.66	399.90	41.4	41.7	41.1	10.00	9.92	9.73
Food.........................	424.33	414.12	383.46	43.7	42.3	38.5	9.71	9.79	9.96
Textiles.....................	314.40	331.28	323.90	39.3	41.0	41.0	8.00	8.08	7.90
Apparel......................	252.70	259.52	246.65	38.0	39.5	38.3	6.65	6.57	6.44
Paper........................	493.28	474.90	467.09	44.6	44.3	44.4	11.06	10.72	10.52
Printing and Publishing......	400.18	398.70	380.21	37.4	38.3	38.6	10.70	10.41	9.85
Chemicals....................	533.05	538.46	532.80	43.8	44.1	44.4	12.17	12.21	12.00
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	382.35	373.25	347.36	44.1	43.1	41.8	8.67	8.66	8.31
Other Nondurable Mfg.........	312.28	320.76	324.35	37.0	39.6	36.9	8.44	8.10	8.79
CONSTRUCTION...................	580.07	615.94	595.00	37.4	40.1	39.3	15.51	15.36	15.14

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Nov. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Oct. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Nov. Number	1986(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	56,700	3.2	52,100	2.9	58,000	3.3
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.4)		(3.1)		(3.6)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport...........	8,500	3.6	8,200	3.5	9,700	4.2
Bristol..............	1,400	3.6	1,300	3.4	1,400	3.6
Danbury..............	4,200	3.5	3,600	3.0	3,500	3.0
Danielson............	1,400	4.3	1,400	4.0	1,700	4.9
Hartford.............	13,000	3.0	11,300	2.6	12,400	2.9
Middletown...........	1,500	3.0	1,400	2.6	1,500	3.0
Lower River..........	500	3.0	300	1.9	400	2.7
New Britain..........	2,400	3.1	2,200	2.9	2,800	3.7
New Haven............	8,700	3.1	7,800	2.8	8,800	3.2
New London/Norwich*..	4,600	3.4	4,400	3.3	4,400	3.3
Norwalk..............	2,100	2.4	2,000	2.3	2,000	2.4
Stamford.............	2,600	2.2	2,600	2.2	2,800	2.3
Torrington...........	1,500	3.1	1,400	2.8	1,700	3.5
Waterbury............	4,200	4.0	3,900	3.8	4,800	4.6
Willimantic..........	600	2.1	700	2.3	700	2.2
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.........	6,802,000	5.6	6,845,000	5.7	7,872,000	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.9)		(6.0)		(6.9)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Nov. '87	Oct. '87	Nov. '86
All Items.........	345.8	345.3	330.8
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.1	+ 4.5

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Nov.'87	Oct.'87	Nov.'86(R)	Percent Change to November 1987 from:	
				Oct.'87	Nov.'86
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	203,030*	201,270*	195,900	+ 0.9	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	60,660*	60,790*	60,510	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	142,370	140,480	135,390	+ 1.3	+ 5.2
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,010	25,020	25,140	- 0.1	- 0.5
Manufacturing	7,450	7,650	8,470	- 2.6	- 12.0
Nonmanufacturing	17,560	17,370	16,670	+ 1.1	+ 5.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	85,540	84,530	82,860	+ 1.2	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	25,250	24,930	26,250	+ 1.3	- 3.8
Nonmanufacturing	60,290	59,600	56,610	+ 1.2	+ 6.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,430*	22,410*	22,840	+ 0.1	- 1.8
Manufacturing	8,430*	8,420*	9,300	+ 0.1	- 9.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,000	13,990	13,540	+ 0.1	+ 3.4
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	486,490*	483,890*(R)	470,080*	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	95,240*	95,260*(R)	93,700*	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	391,250*	388,630*	376,380*	+ 0.7	+ 4.0
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	44,720	44,560	43,650	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	9,710	9,760	10,600	- 0.5	- 8.4
Nonmanufacturing	35,010	34,800	33,050	+ 0.6	+ 5.9
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,780	14,810	14,340	- 0.2	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	4,550	4,570	4,780	- 0.4	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	10,230	10,240	9,560	- 0.1	+ 7.0
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,650	67,220	65,980	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	20,480	20,370	21,580	+ 0.5	- 5.1
Nonmanufacturing	47,170	46,850	44,400	+ 0.7	+ 6.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	256,580	254,560	249,870*	+ 0.8	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	46,770	46,330	47,920*	+ 0.9	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	209,810	208,230	201,950*	+ 0.8	+ 3.9
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	118,060	117,950	115,240	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	33,840	33,900	34,580	- 0.2	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	84,220	84,050	80,660	+ 0.2	+ 4.4
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	76,450	76,100	74,820	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	20,420	20,450	20,940	- 0.1	- 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	56,030	55,650	53,880	+ 0.7	+ 4.0
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	127,840	127,020	125,160	+ 0.6	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	23,990	23,800	25,230	+ 0.8	- 4.9
Nonmanufacturing	103,850	103,220	99,930	+ 0.6	+ 3.9

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Nov.'87	Oct.'87	Nov.'86(R)	Percent Change to November 1987 from: Oct.'87	Percent Change to November 1987 from: Nov.'86
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,390	32,580	31,340	- 0.6	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	7,070	7,210	7,200	- 1.9	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	25,320	25,370	24,140	- 0.2	+ 4.9
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	88,370	87,440	86,390*	+ 1.1	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	23,360	23,280	24,810*	+ 0.3	- 5.8
Nonmanufacturing	65,010	64,160	61,580	+ 1.3	+ 5.6
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,800	23,710	23,280	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	2,010	2,010	2,040	0.0	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	21,790	21,700	21,240	+ 0.5	+ 2.6

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Bridgeport	$454.71	$460.48	$437.43	41.3	41.9	41.7	$11.01	$10.99	$10.49
Hartford	451.50	447.91	444.37	42.0	41.9	42.2	10.75	10.69	10.53
New Britain	473.28	476.33	459.03	43.5	43.7	42.9	10.88	10.90	10.70
New Haven	407.23	407.63	409.19	40.2	40.2	41.5	10.13	10.14	9.86
Stamford	458.68	459.82	458.02	40.2	40.3	41.3	11.41	11.41	11.09
Waterbury	394.85	388.25	372.38	43.2	42.9	43.3	9.14	9.05	8.60

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.) Actual	Employment Nonag. (Thous.) Seas. Adj.	Av. Weekly Initial Claims Actual	Av. Weekly Initial Claims Seas. Adj.	Rate Total Unemployment Actual	Rate Total Unemployment Seas. Adj.	Personal Income Millions Seasonally Adj.
1986							
Jan....	1559.4	1580.0	7749	5057	4.8	4.2	$4690.4
Feb....	1558.3	1583.0	3936	4551	4.7	4.1	4717.9
Mar....	1571.5	1586.7	3240	4384	4.3	4.0	4728.8
Apr....	1594.5	1594.6	3422	4108	3.7	3.8	4739.2
May....	1605.8	1597.4	3002	3988	3.6	3.8	4758.2
Jun....	1618.8	1599.5	3761	3929	3.7	3.7	4780.3
Jul....	1599.7	1606.1	5109	3569	3.9	3.7	4802.8
Aug....	1598.4	1611.9	3571	3849	3.6	3.7	4849.6
Sep....	1616.4	1611.4	2347	3761	3.3	3.7	4864.2
Oct....	1616.7	1607.1	2605	3527	3.2	3.6	4877.6
Nov....	1635.4	1620.1	3094	3592	3.3	3.6	4940.5
Dec....	1644.6	1623.7	6206	3573	3.4	3.4	4974.5
1987							
Jan....	1615.6	1636.9	5938	3876	4.0	3.5	5001.4
Feb....	1613.4	1639.6	3593	4154	4.0	3.6	5035.0
Mar....	1625.1	1641.5	2668	3610	3.8	3.7	5044.3
Apr....	1638.6	1638.6	2592	3112	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1648.8	1640.6	2455	3260	3.1	3.3	5063.6
Jun....	1664.2	1644.5	2861	2990	3.2	3.2	5087.8
Jul....	1644.5	1651.1	4588	3204	3.4	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1640.5	1653.7	2739	2952	3.2	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1655.4	1650.4	1789	2867	2.8	3.0	5144.9
Oct....	1663.2(R)	1653.3(R)	1952	2641	2.9	3.1	5172.9(R)
Nov....	1673.6(P)	1658.7(P)	2318	2692	3.2	3.4	5212.3(P)
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations Actual	New Auto Registrations Seas. Adj.	Average Work-Week Hours Actual(R)	Average Work-Week Hours Seas. Adj.(R)	Mfg. Output (1967=100) Actual	Mfg. Output (1967=100) Seas. Adj.
1986						
Jan....	17276	19037	41.8	41.7	129.8	124.9
Feb....	11526	15269	41.5	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	10342	42.1	41.9	129.9	124.7
Apr....	27193*	26949*	41.9	41.8	129.8	125.1
May....	13873	13205	41.6	41.8	129.3	125.3
Jun....	16685	15104	41.9	41.9	130.5	126.4
Jul....	13991	15354	41.1	41.3	107.6	125.0
Aug....	17104	14698	41.0	41.6	110.3	126.3
Sep....	14550	13582	41.8	41.8	131.4	127.9
Oct....	13772	14304	41.9	41.9	132.6	128.8
Nov....	16441	14986	42.3	41.9	135.2	129.3
Dec....	16004	18283	42.4	41.9	122.8	129.8
1987						
Jan....	13430	14807	42.3	42.3	133.8	128.8
Feb....	12036	15942	42.0	42.2	132.3	128.1
Mar....	12797	11893	42.0	41.8	132.1	126.9
Apr....	14894	14761	41.6	41.6	130.8	126.0
May....	11027	10492	41.8	42.0	132.0	127.9
Jun....	11862	10735	41.9	41.9	129.1	125.1
Jul....	15214	16700	41.8	42.1	105.5	122.5
Aug....	12547	10779	41.8	42.4	108.5	124.3
Sep....	17917	16729	42.0	42.0	127.7	124.3
Oct.	12587	13071	42.4	42.4	130.4	126.6
Nov....	14508	13225	42.3	41.9	130.5	124.9
Dec....						

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*Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1972	51,737	$161,851,000	$ 92,681,000
1973	36,314	117,610,000	114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
Jan'86	39,301	$21,606,000	$ 7,426,000
Feb	33,020	19,053,000	16,808,000
Mar	30,986	19,496,000	714,000
Apr	25,332	15,528,000	35,043,000
May	21,832	12,810,000	90,339,000
Jun	22,048	12,974,000	1,662,000
Jul	24,767	13,734,000	17,325,000
Aug	24,416	12,797,000	37,543,000
Sep	19,880	12,221,000	955,000
Oct	17,903	10,473,000	10,716,000
Nov	17,918	9,912,000	19,419,000
Dec	22,003	14,980,000	755,000
Jan'87	33,123	18,946,000	5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	-		

Federal Loans	
1972	$ 31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,377,000r

Total Outstanding Loans (11/30/87)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (11/30/87)
$270.9 million

*Interest bearing r-revised

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January 1988

Economic conditions continued to improve in Connecticut during the final month of 1987 when employment was at record levels, average weekly production wages and personal income reached new highs and unemployment dropped, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm payrolls rose to a record 1,684,500 jobs, up by 10,700 from November and 39,900 higher than 1986. There was a slight increase in manufacturing. Nonmanufacturing industries grew by 10,300 jobs over the month and 46,100 from a year earlier. Major gains were in the trade and services category. Seasonal conditions were responsible for a 1,900 drop in construction employment, while finance, insurance and real estate and government each added 600 jobs. Thirteen labor markets recorded increased employment and there was a decline in two.

The average weekly wage of $460.08 at $10.65 per hour for factory production workers was an all-time high. The workweek was extended to 43.2 hours, up from 42.3 in November and 42.4 hours in 1986. Earnings for straight-time were $402.80 and $10.07, up 2.3 percent from $393.60 weekly and $9.84 an hour the year before. Workers in the New Britain area received the highest weekly wage, $485.89, followed by Bristol, $484.63; Middletown, $482.45; Stamford, $482.31; New London/Norwich, $473.75 and Hartford, $473.70.

Unemployment: There was a drop of 900 in unemployment to 55,800 and the actual rate dipped one-tenth to 3.1 percent in December, down from 3.2 in November and 3.4 percent a year ago. The monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased three-tenths, to 3.1 percent. It was 3.4 percent the month and year before. Both rates continued well under the national figures of 5.4 and 5.8 percent. The unemployment estimates include people receiving compensation benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired, those entering or reentering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to wages during seasonal shutdowns. Claimants received an average weekly benefit payment of $163.18 which compared with $151.58 in December 1986, and the year-end reserve in the unemployment insurance trust fund was $259.4 million, up from $185.6.

Other Indicators: There also was improvement in other economic indicators, with personal income of state residents registering a new all-time high of $5 billion, 248-million and increased registrations for new automobiles.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Dec. 1987(P)	Nov. 1987(R)	Dec. 1986(R)	% Change Dec. '87 over Nov .'87	% Change Dec. '87 over Dec. '86
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,684,500*	1,673,800*	1,644,600*	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Manufacturing............	389,500*	389,100*	395,700*	+ 0.1	- 1.6
Durable..................	290,300*	290,000*	294,900*	+ 0.1	- 1.6
Lumber & Furniture......	7,400	7,400	7,500	0.0	- 1.3
Primary Metals..........	14,900	14,800	13,600*	+ 0.7	+ 9.6
Fabricated Metals.......	45,600*	45,400*	45,700*	+ 0.4	- 0.2
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,200*	47,400*	49,100	- 0.4	- 3.9
Electrical Equipment....	51,400	51,300	51,700	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Transportation Equipment	86,700	86,600	87,500	- 0.1	- 0.9
Instruments & Clocks....	23,900	24,000	25,200*	- 0.4	- 5.2
Other Durable...........	13,200	13,100	14,600	+ 0.8	- 9.6
Nondurable...............	99,200	99,100	100,800	+ 0.1	- 1.6
Food....................	13,200	12,900	12,700	+ 2.3	+ 3.9
Textiles................	3,900	3,800	4,500	+ 2.6	- 13.3
Apparel.................	8,200	8,400	8,600	- 2.4	- 4.7
Paper...................	9,700	9,600	9,600	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,200	27,800	27,800	- 2.2	- 2.2
Chemicals...............	23,100	22,900	23,000	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,200	12,000	12,900	+ 1.7	- 5.4
Other Nondurable........	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,295,000	1,284,700*	1,248,900	+ 0.8	+ 3.7
Construction & Mining....	77,000	78,900	75,200	- 2.4	+ 2.4
Transportation...........	41,000	40,700	39,100	+ 0.7	+ 4.9
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,900	16,600	15,800	+ 1.8	+ 7.0
Other Transportation....	24,100	24,100	23,300	0.0	+ 3.4
Communications...........	19,900	19,900	19,300	0.0	+ 3.1
Utilities................	13,000	13,000	12,800	0.0	+ 1.6
Trade....................	394,400	386,100	377,900	+ 2.1	+ 4.4
Wholesale..............	88,100	87,800	85,400	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
Retail.................	306,300	298,300	292,500	+ 2.7	+ 4.7
General Merchandise....	44,800	42,100	42,900	+ 6.4	+ 4.4
Food Stores...........	54,100	53,100	52,200	+ 1.9	+ 3.6
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,700	33,500	31,900	+ 0.6	+ 5.6
Restaurants...........	79,900	79,100	78,100	+ 1.0	+ 2.3
Other Retail Trade.....	93,800	90,500	87,400	+ 3.6	+ 7.3
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	147,400	146,800	142,700	+ 0.4	+ 3.3
Banking................	32,200	32,100	32,100	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Insurance..............	80,000	79,800	77,500	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
Real Estate............	14,600	14,500	13,600	+ 0.7	+ 7.4
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	20,600	20,400	19,500	+ 1.0	+ 5.6
Services.................	395,700	393,300*	381,300	+ 0.6	+ 3.8
Hotels.................	10,900	10,800*	10,400	+ 0.9	+ 4.8
Personal Services.......	20,000	19,800	19,100	+ 1.0	+ 4.7
Business Services.......	92,500	91,900	89,400	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Health Services.........	117,600	116,900	114,700	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Law & Professional......	34,400	34,100	31,400	+ 0.9	+ 9.6
Educational Services....	34,400	33,600	34,300	+ 2.4	+ 0.3
Other Services..........	85,900	86,200	82,000	- 0.3	+ 4.8
Government...............	206,600	206,000	200,600	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Federal................	26,100	25,600	24,700	+ 2.0	+ 5.7
State & Local..........	180,500	180,400	175,900	+ 0.1	+ 2.6

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

E A R N I N G S A N D H O U R S

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$460.08	$447.11	$437.99	43.2	42.3	42.4	$10.65	$10.57	$10.33
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.........	474.15	458.38	449.63	43.7	42.6	42.7	10.85	10.76	10.53
Lumber & Furniture...........	360.45	353.38	326.01	41.1	40.9	40.1	8.77	8.64	8.13
Primary Metals...............	502.32	491.01	470.71	45.5	44.8	45.7	11.04	10.96	10.30
Fabricated Metals............	440.06	429.56	406.39	43.7	42.7	42.2	10.07	10.06	9.63
Machinery....................	518.70	496.25	488.94	45.7	43.8	43.5	11.35	11.33	11.24
Electrical Equipment.........	403.88	391.78	361.42	43.9	42.4	40.7	9.20	9.24	8.88
Transportation Equipment.....	552.55	524.16	543.69	42.8	41.6	43.6	12.91	12.60	12.47
Instruments and Clocks.......	441.45	431.54	423.89	45.0	43.9	43.7	9.81	9.83	9.70
Other Durable Mfg............	371.59	372.89	383.78	40.7	40.4	41.4	9.13	9.23	9.27
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING......	420.51	414.00	406.85	41.8	41.4	41.6	10.06	10.00	9.78
Food.........................	421.42	424.33	385.77	42.1	43.7	38.5	10.01	9.71	10.02
Textiles.....................	337.74	314.40	329.01	41.8	39.3	41.7	8.08	8.00	7.89
Apparel......................	248.41	252.70	245.50	38.1	38.0	38.3	6.52	6.65	6.41
Paper........................	490.42	493.28	478.80	45.2	44.6	45.0	10.85	11.06	10.64
Printing and Publishing......	411.54	400.18	390.46	38.0	37.4	39.6	10.83	10.70	9.86
Chemicals....................	545.26	533.05	539.70	45.1	43.8	44.9	12.09	12.17	12.02
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	377.54	382.35	354.05	43.0	44.1	42.3	8.78	8.67	8.37
Other Nondurable Mfg.........	295.54	312.28	330.78	35.1	37.0	37.0	8.42	8.44	8.94
CONSTRUCTION..................	594.44	580.07	608.65	38.5	37.4	39.6	15.44	15.51	15.37

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Dec. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Nov. Number	1987 Ratio to Labor Force	Dec. Number	1986(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	55,800	3.1	56,700	3.2	61,200	3.4
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.1)		(3.4)		(3.4)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport...........	8,100	3.5	8,500	3.6	10,000	4.3
Bristol..............	1,500	3.9	1,400	3.6	1,400	3.7
Danbury..............	3,600	3.0	4,200	3.5	3,500	3.0
Danielson............	1,500	4.4	1,400	4.3	1,800	5.1
Hartford.............	13,900	3.2	13,000	3.0	13,700	3.2
Middletown...........	1,500	2.9	1,500	3.0	1,600	3.1
Lower River..........	400	2.4	500	3.0	500	3.0
New Britain..........	2,600	3.5	2,400	3.1	3,100	4.1
New Haven............	8,300	3.0	8,700	3.1	8,600	3.1
New London/Norwich...	4,200	3.2	4,600	3.4	4,800	3.6
Norwalk..............	2,000	2.3	2,100	2.4	2,300	2.7
Stamford.............	2,500	2.1	2,600	2.2	2,900	2.4
Torrington...........	1,700	3.6	1,500	3.1	1,700	3.6
Waterbury............	3,900	3.7	4,200	4.0	5,100	4.8
Willimantic..........	600	1.4	600	2.1	700	2.4
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.........	6,526,000	5.4	6,802,000	5.6	7,461,000	6.3
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.8)		(5.9)		(6.7)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Dec. '87	Nov. '87	Dec. '86
All Items..........	345.7	345.8	331.1
Percent Change From.....	xxx	- 0.03	+ 4.4

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Dec.'87	Nov.'87	Dec.'86(R)	Percent Change to December 1987 from: Nov.'87	Percent Change to December 1987 from: Dec.'86
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	202,730*	203,030*	197,340	- 0.1	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	60,320*	60,660*	60,480	- 0.6	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	142,410	142,370	136,860	0.0	+ 4.0
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,290	25,010	25,300	+ 1.1	- 0.1
Manufacturing	7,550	7,450	8,460	+ 1.3	- 10.8
Nonmanufacturing	17,740	17,560	16,840	+ 1.0	+ 5.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	85,870	85,360(R)	84,360	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	25,250	25,250	26,140	0.0	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	60,620	60,110(R)	58,490	+ 0.8	+ 3.6
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,540*	22,430*	22,870	+ 0.5	- 1.4
Manufacturing	8,430*	8,430*	9,270	0.0	- 9.1
Nonmanufacturing	14,110	14,000	13,600	+ 0.8	+ 3.8
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	489,200*	486,490*	473,120*	+ 0.6	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	95,440*	95,240*	93,990*	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	393,760	391,250*	379,130*	+ 0.6	+ 3.9
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	45,080	44,720	43,930	+ 0.8	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	9,820	9,710	10,620	+ 1.1	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	35,260	35,010	33,310	+ 0.7	+ 5.9
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,920	14,780	14,530	+ 0.9	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	4,580	4,550	4,870	+ 0.7	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	10,340	10,230	9,660	+ 1.1	+ 7.0
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,930	67,650	66,100	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	20,550	20,480	21,510	+ 0.3	- 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	47,380	47,170	44,590	+ 0.4	+ 6.3
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	257,350	256,580	250,900*	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	46,610	46,770	47,970*	- 0.3	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	210,740	209,810	202,930	+ 0.4	+ 3.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	118,960	118,060	115,490	+ 0.8	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	34,040	33,840	34,140	+ 0.6	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	84,920	84,220	81,350	+ 0.8	+ 4.4
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	76,770	76,450	75,090	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	20,390	20,420	20,820	- 0.1	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	56,380	56,030	54,270	+ 0.6	+ 3.9
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	128,610	127,840	126,390	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	23,870	23,990	25,380	- 0.5	- 5.9
Nonmanufacturing	104,740	103,850	101,010	+ 0.9	+ 3.7

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Dec.'87	Nov.'87	Dec.'86(R)	Percent Change to December '87 from: Nov.'87	Percent Change to December '87 from: Dec.'86
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,460	32,390	31,460	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	7,050	7,070	7,080	- 0.2	- 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	25,410	25,320	24,380	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	89,080	88,370	87,120	+ 0.8	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	23,510	23,360	24,690	+ 0.6	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	65,570	65,010	62,430	+ 0.9	+ 5.0
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,680	23,800	23,260	- 0.5	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	2,000	2,010	2,050	- 0.5	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	21,680	21,790	21,210	- 0.5	+ 2.2

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Bridgeport	$472.76	$454.71	$446.24	42.4	41.3	41.9	$11.15	$11.01	$10.65
Hartford	473.70	451.50	452.62	43.3	42.0	42.7	10.94	10.75	10.60
New Britain	485.89	473.28	460.10	44.7	43.5	43.0	10.87	10.88	10.70
New Haven	420.04	407.23	415.49	40.9	40.2	41.8	10.27	10.13	9.94
Stamford	482.31	458.68	446.56	41.4	40.2	39.8	11.65	11.41	11.22
Waterbury	399.96	394.85	377.14	44.0	43.2	43.2	9.09	9.14	8.73

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1987	Sept. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Sept. 1987	Dec. 1986	Dec. 1987	Sept. 1987	Dec. 1986
Bristol	$484.63	$459.65	$471.09	43.7	43.2	43.7	$11.09	$10.64	$10.78
Danbury	444.72	449.77	411.70	43.6	44.4	42.4	10.20	10.13	9.71
Danielson	374.66	379.85	367.22	40.2	40.8	41.4	9.32	9.31	8.87
Middletown	482.45	444.24	483.94	41.2	39.7	42.6	11.71	11.19	11.36
Lower River	377.01	361.12	360.36	42.6	41.7	42.0	8.85	8.66	8.58
New London-Norwich**	473.75	473.96	471.74	40.7	41.0	41.6	11.64	11.56	11.34
Norwalk	464.18	437.65	432.73	43.3	41.8	42.3	10.72	10.47	10.23
Torrington	362.52	336.18	323.59	42.5	40.7	39.9	8.53	8.26	8.11
Willimantic	402.93	404.19	477.92	40.7	40.5	46.4	9.90	9.98	10.30

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CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1986							
Jan....	1559.4	1580.0	7749	5057	4.8	4.2	$4690.4
Feb....	1558.3	1583.0	3936	4551	4.7	4.1	4717.9
Mar....	1571.5	1586.7	3240	4384	4.3	4.0	4728.8
Apr....	1594.5	1594.6	3422	4108	3.7	3.8	4739.2
May....	1605.8	1597.4	3002	3988	3.6	3.8	4758.2
Jun....	1618.8	1599.5	3761	3929	3.7	3.7	4780.3
Jul....	1599.7	1606.1	5109	3569	3.9	3.7	4802.8
Aug....	1598.4	1611.9	3571	3849	3.6	3.7	4849.6
Sep....	1616.4	1611.4	2347	3761	3.3	3.7	4864.2
Oct....	1616.7	1607.1	2605	3527	3.2	3.6	4877.6
Nov....	1635.4	1620.1	3094	3592	3.3	3.6	4940.5
Dec....	1644.6	1623.7	6206	3573	3.4	3.4	4974.5
1987							
Jan....	1615.6	1636.9	5938	3876	4.0	3.5	5001.4
Feb....	1613.4	1639.6	3593	4154	4.0	3.6	5035.0
Mar....	1625.1	1641.5	2668	3610	3.8	3.7	5044.3
Apr....	1638.6	1638.6	2592	3112	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1648.8	1640.6	2455	3260	3.1	3.3	5063.6
Jun....	1664.2	1644.5	2861	2990	3.2	3.2	5087.8
Jul....	1644.5	1651.1	4588	3204	3.4	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1640.5	1653.7	2739	2952	3.2	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1655.4	1650.4	1789	2867	2.8	3.0	5144.9
Oct....	1663.2	1653.3	1952	2641	2.9	3.1	5172.9
Nov....	1673.8(R)	1658.9(R)	2318	2692	3.2	3.4	5212.1(R)
Dec....	1684.5(P)	1662.9(P)	5125	2950	3.1	3.1	5248.8(P)

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1986						
Jan....	17276	19037	41.8	41.7	129.8	124.9
Feb....	11526	15269	41.5	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	10342	42.1	41.9	129.9	124.7
Apr....	27193*	26949*	41.9	41.8	129.8	125.1
May....	13873	13205	41.6	41.8	129.3	125.3
Jun....	16685	15104	41.9	41.9	130.5	126.4
Jul....	13991	15354	41.1	41.3	107.6	125.0
Aug....	17104	14698	41.0	41.6	110.3	126.3
Sep....	14550	13582	41.8	41.8	131.4	127.9
Oct....	13772	14304	41.9	41.9	132.6	128.8
Nov....	16441	14986	42.3	41.9	135.2	129.3
Dec....	16004	18283	42.4	41.9	122.8	129.8
1987						
Jan....	13430	14807	42.3	42.3	133.8	128.8
Feb....	12036	15942	42.0	42.2	132.3	128.1
Mar....	12797	11893	42.0	41.8	132.1	126.9
Apr....	14894	14761	41.6	41.6	130.8	126.0
May....	11027	10492	41.8	42.0	132.0	127.9
Jun....	11862	10735	41.9	41.9	129.1	125.1
Jul....	15214	16700	41.8	42.1	105.5	122.5
Aug....	12547	10779	41.8	42.4	108.5	124.3
Sep....	17917	16729	42.0	42.0	127.7	124.3
Oct.	12587	13071	42.4	42.4	130.4	126.6
Nov....	14508	13225	42.3	41.9	130.5	124.9
Dec....	20320	23223	43.2	42.7	121.6	128.5

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*Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1972	51,737	$161,851,000	$ 92,681,000
1973	36,314	117,610,000	114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
Jan'86	39,301	$21,606,000	$ 7,426,000
Feb	33,020	19,053,000	16,808,000
Mar	30,986	19,496,000	714,000
Apr	25,332	15,528,000	35,043,000
May	21,832	12,810,000	90,339,000
Jun	22,048	12,974,000	1,662,000
Jul	24,767	13,734,000	17,325,000
Aug	24,416	12,797,000	37,543,000
Sep	19,880	12,221,000	955,000
Oct	17,903	10,473,000	10,716,000
Nov	17,918	9,912,000	19,419,000
Dec	22,003	14,980,000	755,000
Jan'87	33,123	18,946,000	5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000

Federal Loans	
1972	$ 31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,357,000r

Total Outstanding Loans (12/31/87)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (12/31/87)
$259.4 million

*Interest bearing r-revised

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February 1988

Post-holiday reductions in retail trade, restaurants and hotels and other seasonal, temporary cutbacks lowered employment levels during January when unemployment was higher and personal income was at a record level, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment totalled 1,640,300 in January, representing a gain (2.3%) of 36,800 jobs from the January 1987 level of 1,603,500 (page 2). Seasonal declines in construction (8.4%), retail trade (4.5%), restaurants (7.5%) and hotels (4.4%) accounted for most of the job decrease from December's revised 1,674,500 employment estimate. Employment was lower in each labor market area for January but higher than a year earlier with the exception of Torrington where it was unchanged (pages 5 & 6).

Average hourly earnings of factory production workers were $10.67 and $451.34 weekly for a slightly shorter workweek of 42.3 hours. Wages in January 1987 averaged $430.92 a week and $10.26 per hour for a 42-hour week. Computed for straight-time and a 40-hour week, statewide January hourly and weekly wages rose 3.7 percent from last year to $9.82 and $392. The highest weekly wages were paid to construction workers and those in chemicals and transportation equipment (page 3). Manufacturing workers in Bridgeport earned the highest average weekly pay at $479.25, followed by Stamford, $472.83 and Hartford, $470.42 from among the state's six major labor market areas (page 6).

Unemployment: The jobless estimate increased to 63,800 (3.7%) from December's 55,600 (3.1%). In January last year, there were 68,700 people unemployed and the rate was 4 percent. When adjusted for seasonal conditions, the unemployment rate was 3.3 percent, up one-tenth over the month, and compared with 3.5 percent last year. Unemployment between the months increased in 14 labor markets and was unchanged in Stamford. Included in the unemployment estimate are people receiving compensation benefits, others who were ineligible or whose payments expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Annual improvement in several economic indicators was recorded in January, with personal income at an all time high of more than $5-billion, 266-million, fewer first-time (initial) filings for unemployment benefits and a longer workweek for production employees (page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Jan. 1988(P)	Dec. 1987(R)	Jan. 1987(R)	% Change Jan. '88 over Dec. '87	% Change Jan. '88 over Jan. '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,640,300*	1,674,500*	1,603,500*	- 2.0	+ 2.3
Manufacturing............	382,300*	383,300*	387,000*	- 0.3	- 1.2
Durable..................	285,800*	286,600*	289,900*	- 0.3	- 1.4
Lumber & Furniture......	7,500	7,300	7,500	+ 2.7	0.0
Primary Metals..........	13,400	13,500	13,000	- 0.7	+ 3.1
Fabricated Metals.......	43,100*	43,300*	44,200*	- 0.5	- 2.5
Machinery exc. Elec.....	46,800*	47,100*	47,600*	- 0.6	- 1.7
Electrical Equipment....	50,400	50,500	50,900	- 0.2	- 1.0
Transportation Equipment	86,800	86,800	88,100	0.0	- 1.5
Instruments & Clocks....	24,000	24,200	24,800*	- 0.8	- 3.2
Other Durable...........	13,800	13,900	13,800	- 0.7	0.0
Nondurable..............	96,500	96,700	97,100	- 0.2	- 0.6
Food....................	12,500	12,800	12,000	- 2.3	+ 4.2
Textiles................	4,100	3,900	4,400	+ 5.1	- 6.8
Apparel.................	7,200	7,300	7,900	- 1.4	- 8.9
Paper...................	9,400	9,400	9,300	0.0	+ 1.1
Printing & Publishing...	27,800	27,400	27,700	+ 1.5	+ 0.4
Chemicals...............	21,700	22,100	21,800	- 1.8	- 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,200	12,200	12,400	0.0	- 1.6
Other Nondurable........	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,258,000	1,291,200	1,216,500	- 2.6	+ 3.4
Construction & Mining....	74,300	81,100	70,300	- 8.4	+ 5.7
Transportation...........	40,200	41,000	38,000	- 2.0	+ 5.8
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,200	16,600	15,000	- 2.4	+ 8.0
Other Transportation....	24,000	24,400	23,000	- 1.6	+ 4.3
Communications...........	19,100	19,700	19,300	- 3.0	- 1.0
Utilities................	13,200	13,200	12,900	0.0	+ 2.3
Trade....................	372,700	386,200	363,500	- 3.5	+ 2.5
Wholesale...............	89,300	89,600	85,700	- 0.3	+ 4.2
Retail..................	283,400	296,600	277,800	- 4.5	+ 2.0
General Merchandise....	37,500	40,500	36,900	- 7.4	+ 1.6
Food Stores............	47,000	48,900	49,200	- 3.9	- 4.5
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	32,500	32,800	31,300	- 0.9	+ 3.8
Restaurants............	73,700	79,700	73,000	- 7.5	+ 1.0
Other Retail Trade.....	92,700	94,700	87,400	- 2.1	+ 6.1
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	151,000	150,400	146,500	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Banking.................	34,800	34,200	33,400	+ 1.8	+ 4.2
Insurance...............	79,800	79,900	78,700	- 0.1	+ 1.4
Real Estate.............	14,300	14,900	14,000	- 4.0	+ 2.1
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	22,100	21,400	20,400	+ 3.3	+ 8.3
Services.................	385,100	391,800	369,100	- 1.7	+ 4.3
Hotels..................	10,900	11,400	10,300	- 4.4	+ 5.8
Personal Services.......	19,200	18,900	18,200	+ 1.6	+ 5.5
Business Services.......	87,100	88,700	83,400	+ 1.8	+ 4.4
Health Services.........	118,100	118,600	114,800	- 0.4	+ 2.9
Law & Professional......	35,400	34,900	32,500	+ 1.4	+ 8.9
Educational Services....	33,400	33,800	32,700	- 1.2	+ 2.1
Other Services..........	81,000	85,500	77,200	- 5.3	+ 4.9
Government...............	202,400	207,800	196,900	- 2.6	+ 2.8
Federal.................	25,500	25,600	24,300	- 0.4	+ 4.9
State & Local...........	176,900	182,200	172,600	- 2.9	+ 2.5

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

E A R N I N G S   A N D   H O U R S

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987 (R)	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$451.34	$456.04	$430.92	42.3	42.7	42.0	$10.67	$10.68	$10.26
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.........	465.48	470.67	441.61	43.1	43.5	42.3	10.80	10.82	10.44
Lumber & Furniture...........	356.29	361.12	329.62	41.0	41.7	40.1	8.69	8.66	8.22
Primary Metals...............	499.26	508.40	483.12	46.4	46.9	44.9	10.76	10.84	10.76
Fabricated Metals............	435.60	441.81	409.34	43.3	43.7	42.2	10.06	10.11	9.70
Machinery....................	502.12	490.84	485.50	45.4	44.3	44.5	11.06	11.08	10.91
Electrical Equipment.........	382.81	399.11	353.28	41.7	43.1	40.1	9.18	9.26	8.81
Transportation Equipment.....	538.44	546.96	522.59	42.0	42.4	42.8	12.82	12.90	12.21
Instruments and Clocks.......	435.91	442.35	409.78	44.3	45.0	41.9	9.84	9.83	9.78
Other Durable Mfg............	408.96	402.14	390.82	42.6	42.6	41.4	9.60	9.44	9.44
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING......	412.85	415.13	398.11	40.2	40.5	41.0	10.27	10.25	9.71
Food.........................	390.48	397.41	372.56	38.7	39.0	37.9	10.09	10.19	9.83
Textiles.....................	341.47	342.37	315.61	40.7	41.6	39.8	8.39	8.23	7.93
Apparel......................	242.80	234.43	242.14	36.9	35.9	37.6	6.58	6.53	6.44
Paper........................	482.27	499.82	487.92	41.9	43.2	45.6	11.51	11.57	10.70
Printing and Publishing......	401.02	421.44	377.86	37.2	38.7	37.9	10.78	10.89	9.97
Chemicals....................	547.01	520.58	533.63	44.8	43.6	45.3	12.21	11.94	11.78
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	371.78	369.33	349.44	40.9	40.9	42.0	9.09	9.03	8.32
Other Nondurable Mfg.........	295.24	316.85	301.39	35.4	36.8	36.8	8.34	8.61	8.19
CONSTRUCTION..................	620.94	646.02	595.58	39.5	41.2	39.6	15.72	15.68	15.04

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Jan. Number	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	Dec. Number	1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force	Jan. Number	1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	63,800	3.7	55,600	3.1	68,700	4.0
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.3)		(3.2)		(3.5)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport...........	10,300	4.5	8,100	3.5	1,400	5.0
Bristol..............	2,000	5.4	1,500	3.9	2,000	5.2
Danbury..............	3,800	3.5	3,500	3.1	3,800	3.4
Danielson............	2,000	5.9	1,500	4.3	2,100	6.2
Hartford.............	14,800	3.5	13,900	3.2	4,900	3.5
Middletown...........	1,800	3.4	1,500	2.8	1,600	3.1
Lower River..........	500	3.1	400	2.4	600	3.2
New Britain..........	3,000	4.2	2,600	3.5	3,500	4.8
New Haven............	9,300	3.5	8,200	3.0	9,600	3.6
New London/Norwich...	4,700	3.6	4,200	3.1	5,500	4.3
Norwalk..............	2,200	2.7	1,900	2.4	2,500	3.1
Stamford.............	2,400	2.1	2,500	2.1	3,100	2.6
Torrington...........	1,800	3.9	1,800	3.6	2,100	4.3
Waterbury............	5,000	4.9	3.900	3.8	5,700	5.5
Willimantic..........	800	3.0	600	2.0	800	3.1
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.........	7,603,000	6.3	6.526,000	5.4	8,620,000	7.3
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.8)		(5.8)		(6.7)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Jan. '88	Dec. '87	Jan. '87
All Items..........	346.7	345.7	333.1
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 4.1

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-**The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.**

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

				Percent Change to January 1988 from:	
Statistical Area	Jan.'88	Dec.'87(R)	Jan.'87(R)	Dec.'87	Jan.'87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	197,630	202,290	189,910	- 2.3	+ 4.1
Manufacturing	57,980	58,590	57,240	- 1.0	+ 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	139,650	143,700	132,670	- 2.8	+ 5.3
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,800	25,940	24,650	- 4.4	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	7,300	7,670	8,340	- 4.8	- 12.5
Nonmanufacturing	17,500	18,270	16,310	- 4.2	+ 7.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	81,150	83,170	79,010	- 2.4	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	24,070	23,850	24,670	+ 0.9	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	57,080	59,320	54,340	- 3.8	+ 5.0
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,800*	23,540*	22,520	- 3.1	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	9,060*	9,150*	9,130	- 1.0	- 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	13,740	14,390	13,390	- 4.5	+ 2.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	481,870*	487,540*	463,950*	- 1.2	+ 3.9
Manufacturing	93,850*	93,780*	90,920*	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	388,020	393,760	373,030*	- 1.5	+ 4.0
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	46,160	47,220	44,640	- 2.2	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	9,910	9,870	10,800	+ 0.4	- 8.2
Nonmanufacturing	36,250	37,350	33,840	- 2.9	+ 7.1
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,400	14,640	14,180	- 1.6	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	4,580	4,600	4,870	- 0.4	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	9,820	10,040	9,310	- 2.2	+ 5.5
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	65,510	67,190	63,990	- 2.5	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	20,870	20,900	21,490	- 0.1	- 2.9
Nonmanufacturing	44,640	46,290	42,500	- 3.6	+ 5.0
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	250,290	256,080	243,450*	- 2.3	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	46,530	46,520	46,430*	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	203,760	209,560	197,020*	- 2.8	+ 3.4
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	117,270	120,050	113,990	- 2.3	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	34,210	34,120	35,170	+ 0.3	- 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	83,060	85,930	78,820	- 3.3	+ 5.4
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	73,190	74,940	71,550	- 2.3	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	19,850	20,030	20,220	- 0.9	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	53,340	54,910	51,330	- 2.9	+ 3.9
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	127,170	129,700	122,600	- 2.0	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	23,930	23,730	24,140	+ 0.8	- 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	103,240	105,970	98,460	- 2.6	+ 4.9

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Jan.'88	Dec.'87(R)	Jan.'87(R)	Percent Change to January 1988 from: Dec.'87	Jan.'87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,390	33,390	32,390	- 3.0	0.0
Manufacturing	7,940	8,180	7,790	- 2.9	+ 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	24,450	25,210	24,600	- 3.0	- 0.6
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	86,630	89,170	85,020	- 2.9	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	23,650	23,950	25,320	- 1.3	- 6.6
Nonmanufacturing	62,980	65,220	59,700	- 3.4	+ 5.5
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	20,640	23,330	20,270	- 11.5	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	1,970	2,050	2,020	- 3.9	- 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	18,670	21,280	18,250	- 12.3	+ 2.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

(R) Revised

Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Bridgeport	$479.25	$472.76	$443.27	42.6	42.4	41.7	$11.25	$11.15	$10.63
Hartford	470.42	473.70	452.19	43.0	43.3	42.7	10.94	10.94	10.59
New Britain	458.48	485.89	459.24	44.0	44.7	43.0	10.42	10.87	10.68
New Haven	405.78	420.04	413.00	39.9	40.9	41.3	10.17	10.27	10.00
Stamford	472.83	482.31	447.35	39.7	41.4	39.8	11.91	11.65	11.24
Waterbury	403.04	399.96	388.08	44.0	44.0	44.2	9.16	9.09	8.78

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.) Actual(R)	Employment Nonag. (Thous.) Seas. Adj.(R)	Av. Weekly Initial Claims Actual	Av. Weekly Initial Claims Seas. Adj.(R)	Rate Total Unemployment Actual(R)	Rate Total Unemployment Seas. Adj.(R)	Personal Income Millions Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.0	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.6	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1617.4	1633.4	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1634.7	1635.1	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May ...	1644.6	1637.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun ...	1663.3	1642.6	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul ...	1637.6	1644.0	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug ...	1631.6	1644.7	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1647.4	1643.9	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1655.3	1645.5	1952	2923	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1665.3	1647.9	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec ...	1674.5	1650.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3(R)
1988							
Jan....	1640.3(P)	1663.6(P)	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5266.4(P)
Feb....							
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations Actual	New Auto Registrations Seas. Adj.(R)	Average Work-Week Hours Actual(R)	Average Work-Week Hours Seas. Adj.(R)	Mfg. Output (1967=100) Actual	Mfg. Output (1967=100) Seas. Adj.(R)
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	133.8	128.4
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	132.3	127.9
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	132.1	127.0
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.8	126.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	132.0	128.2
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	129.1	125.3
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	105.5	123.4
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	108.5	124.7
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	127.7	124.5
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	130.4	126.0
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	130.4	124.4
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	121.6	127.7
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	125.4
Feb....						
Mar....						
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan'87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb			
Mar			
Apr			
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,357,000

Total Outstanding Loans
(1/31/88)

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Seasonal cutbacks, primarily in trade and construction, resulted in lower employment during February when the unemployment rate also dropped, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: While non-farm employment decreased by 2,000 between January and February to 1,642,500, there was an annual gain of 45,500 jobs from 1987 (page 2). Although temporary reductions over the month in manufacturing, retail trade and construction contributed to the decline, non-manufacturing jobs increased (4.1%) from last year. Employment was above 1987 levels in all 15 labor market areas (pages 5 & 6).

Earnings of factory production workers averaged $445.95 weekly at $10.72 an hour (page 3), down from January because of less overtime for a shorter 41.6-hour week compared with 42.3. February's weekly and hourly wages were higher than last year by $14.61 and 45-cents, respectively. Straight-time earnings of $10.29 hourly and $411.60 a week were up slightly from January and 4.7 percent above February 1987 when wages for a 40-hour week were $9.83 hourly and $393.20 weekly. Construction workers received the highest weekly wage at an average of $623.31, followed by chemicals, $534.36; transportation equipment, $524.69, and machinery, $504.22.

Unemployment: Unemployment in Connecticut decreased by 2,900 to 60,900 or 3.6 percent (3.7 percent in January) and the seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged at 3.3 percent (page 4). Last year there were an estimated 68,500 jobless for a 4 percent actual and 3.6 percent seasonally adjusted rate. The state's unemployment situation remained substantially under February's national rates of 6.2 percent, seasonally adjusted to 5.7. Nine labor market areas had lower unemployment, increases in four and there was no change in the remaining two. The unemployment estimate includes people receiving compensation, others whose benefits expired or they were ineligible and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Factors: In addition to lower unemployment, other economic indicators improved in February (page 7). Personal income of state residents was at an all-time high of more than $5-billion, 312-million, first-time (initial) claims for unemployment benefits were down and new automobile registrations increased.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Feb. 1988(P)	Jan. 1988(R)	Feb. 1987(R)	% Change Feb. '88 over Jan. '88	% Change Feb. '88 over Feb. '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,642,500*	1,644,500*	1,597,000*	- 0.1	+ 2.8
Manufacturing.............	381,000*	382,100*	385,400*	- 0.3	- 1.1
Durable..................	284,200*	285,500*	288,300*	- 0.5	- 1.4
Lumber & Furniture......	7,500	7,500	7,500	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals..........	13,300	13,400	13,100	- 0.7	+ 1.5
Fabricated Metals.......	43,100*	43,100*	44,000*	0.0	- 2.0
Machinery exc. Elec.....	46,800	46,900*	47,300*	- 0.2	- 1.1
Electrical Equipment....	50,000	50,200	50,500	- 0.4	- 1.0
Transportation Equipment	85,700	86,600	87,400	- 1.0	- 1.9
Instruments & Clocks....	23,800	24,000	24,800	- 0.8	- 4.0
Other Durable...........	14,000	13,800	13,700	+ 1.4	+ 2.2
Nondurable...............	96,800	96,600	97,100	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Food....................	12,700	12,500	12,100	+ 1.6	+ 5.0
Textiles................	4,100	4,100	4,400	0.0	- 6.8
Apparel.................	7,100	7,200	7,800	- 1.4	- 9.0
Paper...................	9,500	9,500	9,300	0.0	+ 2.1
Printing & Publishing...	27,600	27,600	27,700	0.0	- 0.4
Chemicals...............	21,900	21,900	21,700	0.0	- 0.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,300	12,200	12,500	+ 0.8	- 1.6
Other Nondurable........	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,261,500	1,262,400	1,211,600	- 0.1	+ 4.1
Construction & Mining....	72,600	74,800	67,300	- 2.9	+ 7.9
Transportation...........	40,900	40,900	37,900	0.0	+ 7.9
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,800	16,700	15,300	+ 0.6	+ 9.8
Other Transportation....	24,100	24,200	22,600	- 0.4	+ 6.6
Communications...........	19,100	19,200	19,400	- 0.5	- 1.5
Utilities................	13,100	13,200	12,800	- 0.8	+ 2.3
Trade....................	369,100	373,800	356,700	- 1.3	+ 3.5
Wholesale...............	89,200	89,300	85,600	- 0.1	+ 4.2
Retail..................	279,900	284,500	271,100	- 1.6	+ 3.2
General Merchandise....	36,200	38,600	33,900	- 6.2	+ 6.8
Food Stores............	46,600	47,000	48,000	- 0.9	- 2.9
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	32,500	32,500	31,200	0.0	+ 4.2
Restaurants............	73,800	73,700	73,200	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Other Retail Trade.....	90,800	92,700	84,800	- 2.0	+ 7.1
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	150,200	150,700	146,400	- 0.3	+ 2.6
Banking.................	34,700	34,700	33,300	0.0	+ 4.2
Insurance...............	79,400	79,800	78,900	- 0.5	+ 0.6
Real Estate.............	14,200	14,300	13,800	- 0.7	+ 2.9
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	21,900	21,900	20,400	0.0	+ 7.4
Services.................	389,800	387,400	369,500	+ 0.6	+ 5.5
Hotels..................	10,700	10,600	10,400	+ 0.9	+ 2.9
Personal Services.......	19,300	19,200	18,100	+ 0.5	+ 6.6
Business Services.......	87,400	87,000	83,300	+ 0.5	+ 4.9
Health Services.........	119,600	119,800	114,200	- 0.2	+ 4.7
Law & Professional......	35,500	35,400	32,500	+ 0.3	+ 9.2
Educational Services....	34,400	33,400	33,700	+ 3.0	+ 2.1
Other Services..........	82,900	82,000	77,300	+ 1.1	+ 7.2
Government...............	206,700	202,400	201,600	+ 2.1	+ 2.5
Federal.................	25,600	25,500	24,500	+ 0.4	+ 4.5
State & Local...........	181,100	176,900	177,100	+ 2.4	+ 2.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987 (R)	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987 (R)	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987 (R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$445.95	$451.34	$431.34	41.6	42.3	42.0	$10.72	$10.67	$10.27
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.........	458.96	465.48	443.70	42.3	43.1	42.5	10.85	10.80	10.44
Lumber & Furniture...........	346.98	356.29	334.55	40.3	41.0	40.7	8.61	8.69	8.22
Primary Metals...............	492.35	499.26	485.00	45.8	46.4	45.2	10.75	10.76	10.73
Fabricated Metals............	439.62	435.60	411.70	43.1	43.3	42.4	10.20	10.06	9.71
Machinery....................	504.22	502.12	488.96	44.7	45.4	44.9	11.28	11.06	10.89
Electrical Equipment.........	369.04	382.81	357.35	40.2	41.7	40.7	9.18	9.18	8.78
Transportation Equipment.....	524.69	538.44	521.10	40.8	42.0	42.4	12.86	12.82	12.29
Instruments and Clocks.......	443.22	435.91	413.53	44.5	44.3	42.5	9.96	9.84	9.73
Other Durable Mfg............	389.63	408.96	380.14	41.1	42.6	40.7	9.48	9.60	9.34
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING......	408.91	412.85	398.62	39.7	40.2	40.8	10.30	10.27	9.77
Food.........................	397.79	390.48	370.39	39.7	38.7	37.3	10.02	10.09	9.93
Textiles.....................	332.99	341.47	317.99	39.5	40.7	40.1	8.43	8.39	7.93
Apparel......................	234.25	242.80	248.52	35.6	36.9	38.0	6.58	6.58	6.54
Paper........................	461.30	482.27	466.76	40.5	41.9	43.5	11.39	11.51	10.73
Printing and Publishing......	414.32	401.02	390.33	37.7	37.2	38.8	10.99	10.78	10.06
Chemicals....................	534.36	547.01	521.40	43.8	44.8	44.0	12.20	12.21	11.85
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	361.49	371.78	355.32	39.9	40.9	42.3	9.06	9.09	8.40
Other Nondurable Mfg.........	272.94	295.24	312.32	32.3	35.4	36.7	8.45	8.34	8.51
CONSTRUCTION..................	623.31	620.94	584.22	39.5	39.5	39.0	15.78	15.72	14.98

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Feb.	1988	Jan.	1988(R)	Feb.	1987(R)
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	60,900	3.6	63,800	3.7	68,500	4.0
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.3)		(3.3)		(3.6)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport...........	9,900	4.4	10,200	4.5	11,500	5.1
Bristol..............	1,700	4.8	2,000	5.4	1,900	5.0
Danbury..............	3,600	3.4	3,800	3.4	3,900	3.6
Danielson............	2,000	6.0	2,000	5.9	2,100	6.3
Hartford.............	13.400	3.2	14,700	3.5	14,800	3.5
Middletown...........	1,600	3.1	1,700	3.4	1,700	3.3
Lower River..........	500	3.2	500	3.1	500	3.0
New Britain..........	2,900	4.0	3,000	4.2	3,500	4.7
New Haven............	8,900	3.4	9,200	3.5	9,700	3.7
New London/Norwich...	5,000	3.9	4,600	3.6	5,300	4.1
Norwalk..............	2,000	2.6	2,200	2.7	2,300	2.8
Stamford.............	2,700	2.4	2,700	2.3	3,100	2.7
Torrington...........	1,800	3.9	1,800	3.9	2,100	4.4
Waterbury............	4,800	4.8	4,900	4.9	5,800	5.7
Willimantic..........	700	2.6	800	3.0	900	3.1
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.........	7,482,000	6.2	7,603,000	6.3	8,503,000	7.2
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.7)		(5.8)		(6.6)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Feb. '88	Jan. '88	Feb. '87
All Items..........	347.4	346.7	334.4
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.2	+ 3.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Feb.'88	Jan.'88	Feb.'87(R)	Percent Change to February 1988 from: Jan.'88	Percent Change to February 1988 from: Feb.'87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	197,490	197,630	189,170	- 0.1	+ 4.4
Manufacturing	57,950	57,980	57,170	0.0	+ 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	139,540	139,650	132,000	- 0.1	+ 9.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,840	24,800	24,420	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	7,390	7,300	8,180	+ 1.2	- 9.7
Nonmanufacturing	17,450	17,500	16,240	- 0.3	+ 7.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	80,630	81,150	78,450	- 0.6	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	24,060	24,070	24,650	- 0.1	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	56,570	57,080	53,800	- 0.9	+ 5.1
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,830*	23,120*(R)	22,450	- 1.3	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	8,820*	9,060*	9,210	- 2.6	- 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	14,010	14,060(R)	13,240	- 0.4	+ 5.8
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	479,560*	481,870*	461,650*	- 0.5	+ 3.9
Manufacturing	93,510*	93,850*	90,440*	- 0.4	+ 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	386,050*	398,020	371,210	- 0.5	+ 4.0
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	45,870	46,160	44,400	- 0.6	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	9,680	9,910	10,690	- 2.3	- 9.4
Nonmanufacturing	36,190	36,250	33,710	- 0.2	+ 7.4
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,350	14,400	13,950	- 0.3	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	4,570	4,580	4,870	- 0.2	- 6.2
Nonmanufacturing	9,780	9,820	9,080	- 0.4	+ 7.7
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	65,520	65,510	63,990	0.0	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	20,790	20,870	21,180	- 0.4	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	44,730	44,640	42,810	+ 0.2	+ 4.5
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	249,870	250,290	241,760*	- 0.2	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	46,360	46,530	46,210*	- 0.4	+ 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	203,510	203,760	195,550	- 0.1	+ 4.1
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	116,340	117,270	113,400	- 0.8	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	33,830	34,210	35,120	- 1.1	- 3.7
Nonmanufacturing	82,510	83,060	78,280	- 0.7	+ 5.4
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	72,620	73,190	70,690	- 0.8	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	19,950	19,850	20,180	+ 0.5	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	52,670	53,340	50,510	- 1.3	+ 4.3
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	126,350	127,170	122,120	- 0.6	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	23,820	23,930	24,080	- 0.5	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	102,530	103,240	98,040	- 0.7	+ 4.6

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Feb.'88	Jan.'88	Feb.'87(R)	Percent Change to February 1988 from: Jan.'88	Feb.'87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,590	32,390	31,570	+ 0.6	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	7,980	7,940	7,840	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	24,610	24,450	23,730	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	86,440	86,630	84,240	- 0.2	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	23,660	23,650	25,210	+ 0.1	- 6.1
Nonmanufacturing	62,780	62,980	59,030	- 0.3	+ 6.4
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,750	20,640	22,510	+ 10.2	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	1,950	1,970	2,000	- 1.0	- 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	20,800	18,670	20,510	+ 11.4	+ 1.4

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Bridgeport	$475.73	$479.25	$451.92	42.4	42.6	42.0	$11.22	$11.25	$10.76
Hartford	468.17	470.42	447.53	42.6	43.0	42.3	10.99	10.94	10.58
New Haven	409.45	405.78	414.17	40.3	39.9	41.5	10.16	10.17	9.98
Stamford	474.36	472.83	453.91	40.2	39.7	40.6	11.80	11.91	11.18
Waterbury	391.62	403.04	379.53	42.2	44.0	42.5	9.28	9.16	8.93

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.0	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.6	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1617.4	1633.4	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1634.7	1635.1	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1644.6	1637.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1663.3	1642.6	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1637.6	1644.0	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1631.6	1644.7	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1647.4	1643.9	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1655.3	1645.5	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1665.3	1647.9	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1674.5	1650.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1644.5(R)	1667.8(R)	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4(R)
Feb....	1642.5(P)	1669.2(P)	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5312.7(P)
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	133.8	128.4
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	132.3	127.9
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	132.1	127.0
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.8	126.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	132.0	128.2
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	129.1	125.3
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	105.5	123.4
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	108.5	124.7
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	127.7	124.5
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	130.4	126.0
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	130.4	124.4
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	121.6	127.7
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	125.4
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	123.9
Mar....						
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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan'87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar			
Apr			
May			
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Nov			
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Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,357,000

Total Outstanding Loans
(2/29/88)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (2/29/88)
$249.2 million

*Interest bearing

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BETTY L. TIANTI
COMMISSIONER

April 1988

Connecticut's economy recorded more jobs, lower unemployment, increased factory earnings and personal income and other improvements during March, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm employment rose by 12,300 jobs from February to a statewide March average of 1,657,900, up 41,700 (2.6%) from the same month last year (page 2). Nonmanufacturing showed major gains, with the construction and trade categories each adding 3,000 jobs over the month, services an additional 4,500 and government increasing by 1,700. Manufacturing employment was lower by 1,100 from February and 1.8 percent from last year. Employment was up in 14 labor market areas from February and March 1987 and declined in Willimantic (pages 5 & 6).

Both hourly and weekly wages of factory workers increased in March to $10.76 and $450.84, respectively, for a longer workweek of 41.9 hours (page 3). A year ago, average production wages were $10.31 per hour and $434.05 a week. For a 40-hour week in March, workers earned $10.30 an hour and $412 weekly, 4.5 percent above 1987 levels when the average rates were $9.86 and $394.40. Weekly wages of Bristol area workers were the highest at $496.25, followed by Stamford, $491.66; Middletown, $478.12; New London/Norwich, $473.40; Bridgeport, $473.20 and Hartford, $472.51 (page 6). The highest wages were paid in construction, $648.76; chemicals, $540.67; transportation equipment, $529.25 and machinery, $505.32.

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment dropped by 8,600 to 52,300 in March and the actual rate from 3.6, which was the nation's third lowest, to 3.1 percent. The seasonally adjusted rate also was down from February's 3.3 to 3 percent. During March 1987, an estimated 65,200 people were unemployed and the seasonally adjusted rate was 3.6 percent. Unemployment declined over the month and from last year in each of the state's 15 labor market areas (page 4). The estimated unemployment rate includes people receiving benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the state's economy (page 7), there were fewer first-time (initial) claims for unemployment benefits, increased new automobile registrations, more jobs and lower unemployment. In addition, personal income of state residents set a new record high of $5-billion, 327-million.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Mar. 1988(P)	Feb. 1988(R)	Mar. 1987(R)	% Change Mar. '88 over Feb. '88	% Change Mar. '88 over Mar. '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,657,900*	1,645,600*	1,616,200*	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
Manufacturing............	380,300*	381,400*	387,100*	- 0.3	- 1.8
Durable..................	283,900*	284,900*	289,500*	- 0.4	- 1.9
Lumber & Furniture......	7,600	7,500	7,500	+ 1.3	+ 1.3
Primary Metals..........	13,400	13,400	13,200	0.0	+ 1.5
Fabricated Metals.......	42,900*	43,000*	44,000*	- 0.2	- 2.5
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,000	47,000	47,900*	0.0	- 1.9
Electrical Equipment....	50,300	50,500	50,900	- 0.4	- 1.2
Transportation Equipment	85,100	85,700	87,400	- 0.7	- 2.6
Instruments & Clocks....	23,600	23,800	24,800	- 0.8	- 4.8
Other Durable...........	14,000	14,000	13,800	0.0	+ 1.4
Nondurable..............	96,400	96,500	97,600	- 0.1	- 1.2
Food..................	12,500	12,600	12,300	- 0.8	+ 1.6
Textiles..............	3,800	3,900	4,300	- 2.6	- 11.6
Apparel...............	7,100	7,100	7,900	0.0	- 10.1
Paper.................	9,500	9,500	9,300	0.0	+ 2.2
Printing & Publishing...	27,500	27,500	27,700	0.0	- 0.7
Chemicals..............	22,100	22,000	21,800	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,300	12,300	12,700	0.0	- 3.1
Other Nondurable........	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,277,600	1,264,200	1,229,100*	+ 1.1	+ 3.9
Construction & Mining....	76,900	73,900	70,700	+ 4.1	+ 8.8
Transportation...........	41,400	40,500	38,700	+ 2.2	+ 7.0
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,000	16,600	15,500	+ 2.4	+ 9.7
Other Transportation....	24,400	23,900	23,200	+ 2.1	+ 5.2
Communications..........	19,200	19,200	19,400	0.0	- 1.0
Utilities...............	13,200	13,100	12,800	+ 0.8	+ 3.1
Trade..................	374,300	371,300	360,000	+ 0.8	+ 4.0
Wholesale.............	89,300	89,100	85,600	+ 0.2	+ 4.3
Retail................	285,000	282,200	274,400	+ 1.0	+ 3.9
General Merchandise....	36,500	36,400	33,800	+ 0.3	+ 8.0
Food Stores...........	49,400	48,500	48,300	+ 1.9	+ 2.3
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	32,700	32,500	31,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.8
Restaurants...........	74,900	73,800	74,800	+ 1.5	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade.....	91,500	91,000	86,000	+ 0.5	+ 6.4
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	150,500	150,300	147,700	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Banking................	34,700	34,500	33,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Insurance..............	79,300	79,600	79,200	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Real Estate............	14,400	14,200	14,300	+ 1.4	+ 0.7
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	22,100	22,000	20,700	+ 0.5	+ 6.8
Services...............	393,700	389,200	375,500	+ 1.2	+ 4.8
Hotels................	10,700	10,600	10,800	+ 0.9	- 0.9
Personal Services.......	19,600	19,300	18,600	+ 1.6	+ 5.4
Business Services.......	88,000	86,800	84,700	+ 1.4	+ 3.9
Health Services.........	120,600	120,000	115,300*	+ 0.5	+ 4.6
Law & Professional......	35,700	35,500	32,900	+ 0.6	+ 8.5
Educational Services....	34,700	34,400	34,000	+ 0.9	+ 2.1
Other Services..........	84,400	82,600	79,200	+ 2.2	+ 6.6
Government..............	208,400	206,700	204,300	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
Federal................	25,500	25,600	24,800	- 0.4	+ 2.8
State & Local..........	182,900	181,100	179,500	+ 1.0	+ 1.9

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987(R)	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987(R)	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$450.84	$445.95	$434.05	41.9	41.6	42.1	$10.76	$10.72	$10.31
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.........	465.19	458.96	445.60	42.6	42.3	42.6	10.92	10.85	10.46
Lumber & Furniture...........	351.78	346.98	325.96	41.0	40.3	39.8	8.58	8.61	8.19
Primary Metals...............	489.29	492.35	481.24	45.9	45.8	45.4	10.66	10.75	10.60
Fabricated Metals............	442.53	439.62	412.79	43.3	43.1	42.6	10.22	10.20	9.69
Machinery....................	505.32	504.22	490.31	44.6	44.7	44.9	11.33	11.28	10.92
Electrical Equipment.........	379.66	369.04	354.14	41.0	40.2	40.8	9.26	9.18	8.68
Transportation Equipment.....	529.25	524.69	523.25	40.9	40.8	42.3	12.94	12.86	12.37
Instruments and Clocks.......	449.57	443.22	426.19	44.6	44.5	43.4	10.08	9.96	9.82
Other Durable Mfg............	392.29	389.63	391.27	41.6	41.1	41.1	9.43	9.48	9.52
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING......	413.66	408.91	400.72	40.2	39.7	40.6	10.29	10.30	9.87
Food.........................	395.79	397.79	384.10	40.1	39.7	37.4	9.87	10.02	10.27
Textiles.....................	342.55	332.99	323.18	40.3	39.5	40.6	8.50	8.43	7.96
Apparel......................	244.72	234.25	251.55	36.8	35.6	38.7	6.65	6.58	6.50
Paper........................	465.66	461.30	478.04	41.1	40.5	44.1	11.33	11.39	10.84
Printing and Publishing......	420.96	414.32	385.95	38.2	37.7	38.1	11.02	10.99	10.13
Chemicals....................	540.67	534.36	528.66	44.1	43.8	44.5	12.26	12.20	11.88
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	360.59	361.49	345.51	40.2	39.9	40.6	8.97	9.06	8.51
Other Nondurable Mfg.........	278.73	272.94	317.09	32.6	32.3	36.7	8.55	8.45	8.64
CONSTRUCTION..................	648.76	623.31	586.50	40.7	39.5	39.1	15.94	15.78	15.00

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Mar. Number	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	Feb. Number	1988(R) Ratio to Labor Force	Mar. Number	1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	52,300	3.1	60,900	3.6	65,200	3.8
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.0)		(3.3)		(3.6)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport...........	8,700	3.9	9,900	4.4	11,000	4.8
Bristol..............	1,400	4.0	1.700	4.8	1,600	4.4
Danbury..............	3,200	2.9	3,600	3.4	3,600	3.3
Danielson............	1,500	4.7	2,000	6.0	2,000	5.9
Hartford.............	11,500	2.8	13,400	3.2	14,600	3.4
Middletown...........	1,300	2.6	1,600	3.1	1,400	2.8
Lower River..........	400	2.3	500	3.2	500	2.7
New Britain..........	2,400	3.4	2,900	4.0	3,200	4.3
New Haven............	7,600	2.9	8,900	3.4	9,400	3.5
New London/Norwich...	4,300	3.4	5,000	3.9	4,900	3.8
Norwalk..............	1,800	2.3	2,000	2.6	2,300	2.9
Stamford.............	2,400	2.1	2,700	2.4	3,100	2.6
Torrington...........	1,500	3.1	1,800	3.9	1,900	4.0
Waterbury............	4,100	4.2	4,800	4.8	5,500	5.4
Willimantic..........	600	2.1	700	2.6	800	2.7
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.........	7,090,000	5.9	7,482,000	6.2	8,124,000	6.9
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.6)		(5.7)		(6.5)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Mar. '88	Feb. '88	Mar. '87
All Items..........	349.0	347.4	335.9
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.5	+ 3.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

				Percent Change to March 1988 from:	
Statistical Area	Mar.'88	Feb.'88	Mar.'87(R)	Feb.'88	Mar.'87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	198,810	197,490	192,200	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	57,600	57,950	57,880	- 0.6	- 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	141,210	139,540	134,320	+ 1.2	+ 5.1
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,000	24,840	24,750	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	7,370	7,390	8,160	- 0.3	- 9.7
Nonmanufacturing	17,630	17,450	16,590	+ 1.0	+ 6.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	81,430	80,630	79,300	+ 1.0	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	24,120	24,060	24,650	+ 0.2	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	57,310	56,570	54,650	+ 1.3	+ 4.9
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,070*	22,830*	22,670	+ 1.1	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	8,830*	8,820*	9,110	+ 0.1	- 3.1
Nonmanufacturing	14,240	14,010	13,560	+ 1.6	+ 5.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	482,150*	479,560*	467,300*	+ 0.5	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	93,270*	93,510*	91,110*	- 0.3	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	388,880*	386,050*	376,190	+ 0.7	+ 3.3
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	46,010	45,870	44,800	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	9,570	9,680	10,740	- 1.1	- 10.9
Nonmanufacturing	36,440	36,190	34,060	+ 0.7	+ 7.0
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,570	14,350	14,130*	+ 1.5	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	4,640	4,570	4,870	+ 1.5	- 4.7
Nonmanufacturing	9,930	9,780	9,260*	+ 1.5	+ 7.2
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	66,510	65,520	64,800	+ 1.5	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	20,830	20,790	21,100	+ 0.2	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	45,680	44,730	43,700	+ 2.1	+ 4.5
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	252,200*	249,870	245,190*	+ 0.9	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	46,460	46,360	46,410*	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	205,740*	203,510	198,780	+ 1.1	+ 3.5
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	117,220	116,340	114,990	+ 0.8	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	33,620	33,830	35,100	- 0.6	- 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	83,600	82,510	79,890	+ 1.3	+ 4.6
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	73,220	72,620	71,680	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	19,800	19,950	20,250	- 0.8	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	53,420	52,670	51,430	+ 1.4	+ 3.9
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	127,330	126,350	123,090	+ 0.8	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	23,990	23,820	24,030	+ 0.7	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	103,340	102,530	99,060	+ 0.8	+ 4.3

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Mar.'88	Feb.'88	Mar.'87(R)	Percent Change to March 1988 from: Feb.'88	Mar.'87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,680	32,590	31,910	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	7,960	7,980	7,930	- 0.3	+ 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	24,720	24,610	23,980	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	87,210	86,440	84,910	+ 0.9	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	23,630	23,660	25,180	- 0.1	- 6.2
Nonmanufacturing	63,580	62,780	59,730	+ 1.3	+ 6.4
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,710	22,750	23,080	- 0.2	- 1.6
Manufacturing	1,940	1,950	1,940	- 0.5	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	20,770	20,800	21,140	- 0.1	- 1.8

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Bridgeport	$473.20	$475.73	$455.45	42.1	42.4	41.9	$11.24	$11.22	$10.87
Hartford	472.51	468.17	452.20	42.8	42.6	42.5	11.04	10.99	10.64
New Haven	411.68	409.45	404.09	40.4	40.3	40.9	10.19	10.16	9.88
Stamford	491.66	474.36	450.15	40.7	40.2	40.3	12.08	11.80	11.17
Waterbury	387.60	391.62	389.66	42.5	42.2	43.2	9.12	9.28	9.02

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Dec. 1987	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Dec. 1987	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Dec. 1987	Mar. 1987
Bristol	$496.25	$484.63	$459.23	43.8	43.7	42.6	$11.33	$11.09	$10.78
Danbury	454.08	444.72	427.06	44.0	43.6	43.4	10.32	10.20	9.84
Danielson	390.16	374.66	368.24	41.2	40.2	40.6	9.47	9.32	9.07
Middletown	478.12	482.45	443.41	40.9	41.2	40.2	11.69	11.71	11.03
Lower River	364.61	377.01	341.11	40.2	42.6	40.9	9.07	8.85	8.34
New Britain	471.70	485.89	460.94	44.5	44.7	43.2	10.60	10.87	10.67
New London-Norwich**	473.40	473.75	449.03	40.6	40.7	40.2	11.66	11.64	11.17
Norwalk	463.95	464.18	440.57	43.4	43.3	42.2	10.69	10.72	10.44
Torrington	368.43	362.52	335.37	42.3	42.5	40.7	8.71	8.53	8.24
Willimantic	439.69	402.93	411.45	42.4	40.7	40.9	10.37	9.90	10.06

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)*		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1(R)
Mar....	1657.9(P)	1674.6(P)	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5327.1(P)
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	133.8	128.4
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	132.3	127.9
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	132.1	127.0
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.8	126.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	132.0	128.2
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	129.1	125.3
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	105.5	123.4
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	108.5	124.7
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	127.7	124.5
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	130.4	126.0
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	130.4	124.4
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	121.6	127.7
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	125.4
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	123.9
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	127.4	122.4
Apr....						
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(R) Revised (P) Preliminary
* Series revised April, 1988
** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan'87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000
Apr			
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,357,000

Total Outstanding Loans
(3/31/88)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (3/31/88)
$230.2 million

*Interest bearing

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May 1988

A strong seasonal expansion boosted employment by 17,000 jobs in Connecticut during April as unemployment dropped to 2.5 percent, the lowest in nearly 22 years, according to State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Statewide employment at 1,672,500 reflected a monthly increase of 17,000 and 36,800 more jobs than April 1987 (page 2). Manufacturing payrolls held steady over the month and nonmanufacturing gained. There was a jump of 6,200 jobs in the services category, construction was up 5,400 and trade added 4,800. Other than small dips in hotel and communications employment, all nonmanufacturing categories improved over last year. Employment levels were higher than March and also April 1987 in each of the 15 labor market areas (pages 5 & 6).

April's hourly earnings of factory workers were unchanged at $10.76 for a slightly shorter workweek of 41.5 hours with weekly pay averaging $446.54. Last year's hourly and weekly wages were $10.32 and $432.41 for a 41.9 hour week. Weekly straight-time wages of $413.60 and $10.34 an hour were slightly higher than March and 4.7 percent above April 1987 rates of $395.20 and $9.88 per hour. Among the major labor market areas, production workers in Stamford received the highest pay at $494.91 a week, followed by Bridgeport, $470.95 and Hartford, $468.35 (page 6).

Unemployment: Joblessness decreased by 8,900 to 43,400 in April and the actual rate from 3.1 to 2.5 percent (page 4), matching the October 1966 rate. The seasonally adjusted rate also declined from 3 percent to 2.7 which compared with 3.3 percent a year ago when unemployment stood at 56,500. Connecticut unemployment continued to outpace the nation's 5.3 percent rate adjusted to 5.4. Fourteen labor market areas recorded lower monthly unemployment while Willimantic remained unchanged. This was a substantial improvement over the previous year. Included in the unemployment estimate are people receiving compensation, others whose benefits expired or who were ineligible and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: In other segments of the economy, personal income of state residents set a new record high at $5-billion, 329-million, manufacturing output was up and there were fewer initial (first-time) claims for unemployment benefits when seasonally adjusted (page 7).

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A "Profile of the Connecticut Labor Force - 1987" is included with this report.

CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Apr. 1988(P)	Mar. 1988(R)	Apr. 1987(R)	% Change Apr. '88 over Mar. '88	% Change Apr. '88 over Apr. '87
Total Nonag. Employment	1,672,500*	1,655,500*	1,635,700*	+ 1.0	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	380,100*	380,800*	388,600*	- 0.2	- 2.2
Durable	283,600*	284,300*	291,100*	- 0.2	- 2.6
Lumber & Furniture	7,500	7,500	7,400	0.0	+ 1.4
Primary Metals	13,300	13,400	13,400	- 0.7	- 0.7
Fabricated Metals	43,100*	43,000*	44,100*	+ 0.2	- 2.3
Machinery exc. Elec.	46,800*	47,100	48,700	- 0.6	- 3.9
Electrical Equipment	50,600	50,400	50,700	+ 0.4	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	84,600	85,100	87,500	- 0.6	- 3.3
Instruments & Clocks	23,700	23,800	25,200	- 0.4	- 6.0
Other Durable	14,000	14,000	14,100	0.0	- 0.7
Nondurable	96,500	96,500	97,500	0.0	- 1.0
Food	12,700	12,700	12,200	0.0	+ 4.1
Textiles	3,800	3,900	4,400	- 2.6	- 13.6
Apparel	7,100	7,000	7,700	+ 1.4	- 7.8
Paper	9,400	9,500	9,300	- 1.1	+ 1.1
Printing & Publishing	27,400	27,400	28,000	0.0	- 2.1
Chemicals	22,200	22,100	21,800	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,200	12,300	12,500	- 0.8	- 2.4
Other Nondurable	1,700	1,600	1,600	+ 6.3	+ 6.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,292,400*	1,274,700	1,247,100	+ 1.4	+ 3.6
Construction & Mining	81,800*	76,400	76,200	+ 7.1	+ 7.3
Transportation	41,000	40,800	38,500	+ 0.5	+ 6.5
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,800	16,700	15,500	+ 0.6	+ 8.4
Other Transportation	24,200	24,100	23,000	+ 0.4	+ 5.2
Communications	19,100	19,200	19,700	- 0.5	- 3.0
Utilities	13,000	13,100	12,900	- 0.8	+ 0.8
Trade	378,400	373,600	364,700	+ 1.3	+ 3.8
Wholesale	90,000	88,800	86,700	+ 1.4	+ 3.8
Retail	288,400	284,800	278,000	+ 1.3	+ 3.7
General Merchandise	35,900	36,100	33,700	- 0.6	+ 6.5
Food Stores	49,200	49,400	48,400	- 0.4	+ 1.7
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta.	33,200	32,700	31,900	+ 1.5	+ 4.1
Restaurants	77,500	74,900	77,000	+ 3.5	+ 0.6
Other Retail Trade	92,600	91,700	87,000	+ 1.0	+ 6.4
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.	151,600	150,600	148,100	+ 0.7	+ 2.4
Banking	35,100	34,900	33,900	+ 0.6	+ 3.5
Insurance	79,600	79,300	79,200	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Real Estate	14,800	14,400	14,300	+ 2.8	+ 3.5
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E.	22,100	22,000	20,700	+ 0.5	+ 6.8
Services	398,800	392,600	382,500	+ 1.6	+ 4.3
Hotels	11,300	10,800	11,400	+ 4.6	- 0.9
Personal Services	19,900	19,600	18,900	+ 1.5	+ 5.3
Business Services	88,800	87,600	86,500	+ 1.4	+ 2.7
Health Services	121,500	120,600	116,200	+ 0.7	+ 4.6
Law & Professional	36,000	35,700	33,000	+ 0.8	+ 9.1
Educational Services	34,400	34,700	33,700	- 0.9	+ 2.1
Other Services	86,900	83,600	82,800	+ 3.9	+ 5.0
Government	208,700	208,400	204,500	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Federal	25,600	25,500	24,800	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
State & Local	183,100	182,900	179,700	+ 0.1	+ 1.9

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Apr. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987(R)	Apr. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987(R)	Apr. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$446.54	$450.84	$432.41	41.5	41.9	41.9	$10.76	$10.76	$10.32
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.........	457.80	465.19	443.08	42.0	42.6	42.4	10.90	10.92	10.45
Lumber & Furniture...........	362.79	351.78	322.69	41.7	41.0	39.4	8.70	8.58	8.19
Primary Metals...............	489.58	489.29	478.02	45.5	45.9	44.8	10.76	10.66	10.67
Fabricated Metals............	435.28	442.53	404.34	42.8	43.3	41.9	10.17	10.22	9.65
Machinery....................	518.90	505.32	501.60	45.2	44.6	45.6	11.48	11.33	11.00
Electrical Equipment.........	346.71	379.66	371.18	38.1	41.0	41.8	9.10	9.26	8.88
Transportation Equipment.....	529.66	529.25	511.68	40.9	40.9	41.6	12.95	12.94	12.30
Instruments and Clocks.......	439.90	449.57	413.10	44.3	44.6	42.5	9.93	10.08	9.72
Other Durable Mfg............	396.68	392.29	383.35	41.8	41.6	41.0	9.49	9.43	9.35
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING......	414.23	413.66	399.37	40.1	40.2	40.3	10.33	10.29	9.91
Food.........................	390.46	395.79	382.02	39.6	40.1	37.6	9.86	9.87	10.16
Textiles.....................	333.32	342.55	322.00	39.4	40.3	40.1	8.46	8.50	8.03
Apparel......................	243.57	244.72	244.83	36.3	36.8	37.9	6.71	6.65	6.46
Paper........................	474.86	465.66	491.73	41.4	41.1	44.3	11.47	11.33	11.10
Printing and Publishing......	427.78	420.96	381.52	38.4	38.2	38.0	11.14	11.02	10.04
Chemicals....................	538.82	540.67	512.35	43.7	44.1	43.2	12.33	12.26	11.86
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	359.31	360.59	354.78	40.6	40.2	40.5	8.85	8.97	8.76
Other Nondurable Mfg.........	304.68	278.73	341.52	34.9	32.6	39.3	8.73	8.55	8.69
CONSTRUCTION..................	665.49	648.76	585.18	41.2	40.7	38.6	15.91	15.94	15.16

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Apr. Number	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	Mar. Number	1988(R) Ratio to Labor Force	Apr. Number	1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	43,400	2.5	52,300	3.1	56,500	3.2
Seasonally Adjusted...		(2.7)		(3.0)		(3.3)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport...........	7,300	3.2	8,700	3.9	9,100	3.9
Bristol..............	1,000	2.8	1.400	4.0	1,400	3.7
Danbury..............	2,600	2.4	3,200	2.9	3,300	3.0
Danielson............	1,200	3.5	1,500	4.7	1,600	4.7
Hartford.............	9,400	2.3	11,500	2.8	12,500	3.0
Middletown...........	1,000	2.0	1,300	2.6	1,500	3.0
Lower River..........	400	2.2	400	2.3	400	2.3
New Britain..........	1,800	2.6	2,400	3.4	2,600	3.5
New Haven............	6,700	2.5	7,600	2.9	8,500	3.2
New London/Norwich...	3,700	2.8	4,300	3.4	4,400	3.3
Norwalk..............	1,500	1.9	1,800	2.3	2,100	2.6
Stamford.............	2,200	1.9	2,400	2.1	2,800	2.4
Torrington...........	1,100	2.3	1,500	3.1	1,500	3.2
Waterbury............	3,200	3.2	4,100	4.2	4,700	4.6
Willimantic..........	600	2.1	600	2.1	600	2.0
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.........	6,359,000	5.3	7,090,000	5.9	7,306,000	6.2
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.4)		(5.6)		(6.3)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Apr. '88	Mar. '88	Apr. '87
All Items..........	350.8	349.0	337.7
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.5	+ 3.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

				Percent Change to April 1988 from:	
Statistical Area	Apr.'88	Mar.'88	Apr.'87(R)	Mar.'88	Apr.'87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	200,850*	198,810	196,470	+ 1.0	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	57,500	57,600	58,890	- 0.2	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	143,350*	141,210	137,580	+ 1.5	+ 4.2
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,470	25,000	25,270	+ 1.9	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	7,380	7,370	8,300	+ 0.1	- 11.1
Nonmanufacturing	18,090	17,630	16,970	+ 2.6	+ 6.6
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	82,100	81,430	80,170	+ 0.8	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	24,220	24,120	24,510	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Nonmanufacturing	57,880	57,310	55,660	+ 1.0	+ 4.0
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,370*	23,070*	23,050	+ 1.3	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	8,840*	8,830*	9,210	+ 0.1	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	14,530	14,240	13,840	+ 2.0	+ 5.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	484,410*	482,150*	469,540*	+ 0.5	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	93,080*	93,270*	91,430*	- 0.2	+ 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	391,330	388,880*	378,110	+ 0.6	+ 3.5
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	46,430	46,010	44,900	+ 0.9	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	9,510	9,570	10,540	- 0.6	- 9.8
Nonmanufacturing	36,920	36,440	34,360	+ 1.3	+ 7.5
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,810	14,570	14,450*	+ 1.6	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	4,580	4,640	4,890	- 1.3	- 6.3
Nonmanufacturing	10,230	9,930	9,560*	+ 3.0	+ 7.0
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,290	66,510	65,240	+ 1.2	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	20,850	20,830	21,080	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	46,440	45,680	44,160	+ 1.7	+ 5.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	255,440*	252,200*	248,890*	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	46,620	46,460	46,920*	+ 0.3	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	208,820*	205,740*	201,970	+ 1.5	+ 3.4
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	119,080	117,220	117,140	+ 1.6	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	33,530	33,620	35,040	- 0.3	- 4.3
Nonmanufacturing	85,550	83,600	82,100	+ 2.3	+ 4.2
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	73,760	73,220	72,290	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	19,800	19,800	20,360	0.0	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	53,960	53,420	51,930	+ 1.0	+ 3.9
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	128,130	127,330	124,440	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	23,830	23,990	24,030	- 0.7	- 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	104,300	103,340	100,410	+ 0.9	+ 3.9

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Apr.'88	Mar.'88	Apr.'87(R)	Percent Change to April 1988 from: Mar.'88	Percent Change to April 1988 from: Apr.'87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	33,520	32,680	32,310	+ 2.6	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	8,010	7,960	7,850	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	25,510	24,720	24,460	+ 3.2	+ 4.3
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	87,680	87,210	86,170	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	23,570	23,630	25,040	- 0.3	- 5.9
Nonmanufacturing	64,110	63,580	61,130	+ 0.8	+ 4.9
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,220	22,710	23,080	+ 2.2	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	1,950	1,940	1,940	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	21,270	20,770	21,140	+ 2.4	+ 0.6

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987
Bridgeport	$470.95	$473.20	$451.26	42.2	42.1	41.9	$11.16	$11.24	$10.77
Hartford	468.35	472.51	438.66	42.5	42.8	41.5	11.02	11.04	10.57
New Haven	410.66	411.68	404.09	40.3	40.4	40.9	10.19	10.19	9.88
Stamford	494.91	491.66	454.66	40.7	40.7	40.2	12.16	12.08	11.31
Waterbury	392.96	387.60	364.56	42.9	42.5	41.1	9.16	9.12	8.87

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)*		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1
Mar....	1655.5(R)	1672.2(R)	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5322.3(R)
Apr....	1672.5(P)	1672.5(P)	2596	3205	2.5	2.7	5329.9(P)
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	133.8	128.4
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	132.3	127.9
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	132.1	127.0
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.8	126.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	132.0	128.2
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	129.1	125.3
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	105.5	123.4
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	108.5	124.7
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	127.7	124.5
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	130.4	126.0
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	130.4	124.4
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	121.6	127.7
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	125.4
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	123.9
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	127.4	122.4
Apr....	19924	17966	41.5	41.5	128.0	123.7
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary

* Series revised April, 1988

** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan'87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,475,000r

Total Outstanding Loans (4/30/88)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (4/30/88)
$239.1 million

*Interest bearing r=revised

CONNECTICUT

TABLE I

Employment Status of the Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16 Years of Age and Older
By Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin and Marital Status
1987 Annual Averages (Numbers in Thousands) 1/

Population Group	Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16 & Over	-Civilian Labor Force- Number	Percent of Population	——Employment—— Number	Percent of Population	——Unemployment—— Number	Rate	Error Range of Rate 2/
Total	2,506	1,752	69.9	1,695	67.6	58	3.3%	2.8 - 3.8
Men	1,178	936	79.6	906	76.9	32	3.4	2.7 - 4.1
Women	1,328	815	61.4	789	59.4	26	3.2	2.5 - 3.9
Both Sexes, 16-19	185	111	60.3	99	53.7	12	11.1	7.7 - 14.4
White	2,345	1,629	69.5	1,580	67.4	50	3.0	2.6 - 3.5
Men	1,095	870	79.4	842	76.9	28	3.2	2.5 - 3.8
Women	1,249	759	60.8	737	59.0	22	2.9	2.2 - 3.6
Both Sexes, 16-19	166	101	61.0	91	55.1	10	9.7	6.4 - 13.0
Black	146	114	78.0	107	72.8	8	6.7	3.8 - 9.5
Men	75	63	83.7	59	78.9	4	5.7	2.2 - 9.3
Women	72	52	72.0	48	66.4	4	7.8	3.2 - 12.4
Hispanic Origin	98	70	70.9	65	65.8	5	7.3	3.5 - 11.0
Single (never married)	670	517	77.1	486	72.4	31	6.1	4.9 - 7.3
Married, spouse present	1,415	1,010	71.4	990	70.0	26	2.0	1.5 - 2.5
Other Marital Status 3/	421	225	53.5	219	52.0	7	2.9	1.6 - 4.2

TABLE II

Employment Status of the Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16 Years of Age and Older
By Sex, Age, and Marital Status
1987 Annual Averages (Numbers in Thousands) 1/

Population Group	Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16 & Over	--Labor Force-- Number	Percent of Population	---Employment--- Number	Percent of Population	-Unemployment- Number	Rate	Error Range of Rate 2/
Total								
16 to 19 years	185	111	60.3	99	53.7	12	11.1%	7.7 - 14.4
20 to 24 years	253	212	83.7	202	79.9	10	4.6	2.9 - 6.2
25 to 34 years	544	473	87.0	459	84.3	15	3.1	2.2 - 4.0
35 to 44 years	439	379	86.2	371	84.4	8	2.1	1.3 - 2.8
45 to 54 years	338	291	86.0	283	83.8	7	2.5	1.5 - 3.5
55 to 64 years	339	227	66.9	223	65.8	4	1.7	0.7 - 2.6
65 yrs. and over	408	60	14.7	58	14.1	2	3.7	1.0 - 6.5
Men								
16 to 19 years	96	57	59.9	50	52.5	7	12.3	7.5 - 17.2
20 to 24 years	124	106	86.2	99	80.4	7	6.7	4.0 - 9.4
25 to 34 years	260	250	96.2	243	93.5	7	2.8	1.6 - 4.0
35 to 44 years	208	204	98.2	200	96.4	4	1.9	0.8 - 2.9
45 to 54 years	166	161	97.9	156	94.0	5	3.1	1.5 - 4.6
55 to 64 years	160	129	80.3	128	79.5	1	1.0	4/ - 1.9
Single (never married)	347	247	78.9	256	73.6	18	6.7	5.0 - 8.4
Married, spouse present	714	584	81.8	573	80.3	11	1.9	1.3 - 2.5
Other marital status 3/	118	80	68.0	78	66.0	2	3.0	0.8 - 5.2
Women								
16 to 19 years	89	54	60.9	49	54.9	5	9.7	5.2 - 14.2
20 to 24 years	130	105	81.3	103	79.4	3	2.4	0.7 - 4.1
25 to 34 years	284	223	78.5	215	75.8	8	3.5	2.1 - 4.8
35 to 44 years	232	175	75.4	171	73.6	4	2.3	1.0 - 3.6
45 to 54 years	172	130	75.4	127	74.0	2	1.8	0.4 - 3.1
55 to 64 years	178	98	54.8	95	53.4	3	2.6	0.8 - 4.5
Single (never married)	323	243	75.2	230	71.1	13	5.4	3.7 - 7.0
Married, spouse present	701	426	60.8	418	59.5	9	2.1	1.3 - 2.8
Other Marital Status 3/	303	145	47.9	141	46.6	4	2.8	1.3 - 4.4

1/ Items may not add to totals or compute to displayed percentages because of rounding. Detail for race and Hispanic-origin groups will not add to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

2/ Error ranges are calculated at the 90 percent confidence interval, which means that if repeated samples were drawn from the same population and an error range constructed around each sample estimate, in 9 out of 10 cases the true value based on a complete census of the population would be contained within these error ranges.

3/ "Other marital status" includes divorced, widowed, separated, and married with spouse absent.

4/ Less than .05 percent.

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CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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COMMISSIONER

June 1988

New gains were recorded in the state's economy during May when employment was at a 1988 high, unemployment dropped, personal income set a new record and there were fewer claims for unemployment benefits, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Jobs increased by 8,200 from April to a high for the year at 1,674,300 which was 28,700 above May 1987 (page 2). A monthly drop (0.6%) in manufacturing employment was offset by a 3 percent gain in the nonmanufacturing sector. The trade category added 4,100 jobs in May, construction employment was up by 3,700, there were an additional 3,500 service jobs and restaurant employment increased by 2,000 over the month. Employment levels were higher between April and May in 11 labor market areas, unchanged in Middletown and Waterbury, and dipped in New Britain and Willimantic (pages 5 & 6).

Factory production wages, reflecting a slightly shorter workweek of 41.3-hours, dropped to a weekly average of $445.21 from April's $446.54 (page 3). The hourly rate was $10.78, up two-cents from the month before. Last year's averages were $438.04 at $10.38 per hour for 42.2 hours a week. There was little change in straight-time May wages, $415.20 weekly and $10.38 an hour, a 4.7 percent increase over last year when the respective rates were $396.40 and $9.91. The highest weekly wages were earned by construction workers, $654.88; chemicals, $531.05; transportation equipment, $529.99 and machinery, $523.46.

Unemployment: Unemployment declined by 1,200 to 42,200 in May and the actual rate from 2.5 to 2.4 percent (page 4). The 2.6 percent seasonally adjusted May rate was down one-tenth from April. Both May rates for Connecticut remained substantially under comparable national figures of 5.4 and 5.6 percent. Unemployment decreased in all 15 labor market areas from May 1987 levels and was lower than April in nine areas, unchanged in two and there were increases in the remaining four markets.

Included in the estimate are people receiving unemployment insurance benefits, others who were ineligible or whose compensation expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: In addition to increased employment and lower unemployment, personal income once again reached a new high of $5-billion, 335-million (page 7). Elsewhere in the economy, average weekly initial (new) claims for unemployment benefits dropped in May and manufacturing output and new automobile registrations were lower.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	May 1988(P)	Apr. 1988(R)	May 1987(R)	% Change May '88 over Apr. '88	% Change May '88 over May '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,674,300*	1,666,100*	1,645,600*	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Manufacturing............	377,400*	379,800*	386,900*	- 0.6	- 2.5
Durable..................	281,500*	283,500*	289,700*	- 0.7	- 2.8
Lumber & Furniture......	7,500	7,500	7,400	0.0	+ 1.4
Primary Metals..........	13,000*	13,400	13,300	- 3.0	- 2.3
Fabricated Metals.......	42,200*	43,100*	44,000*	+ 2.1	- 4.1
Machinery exc. Elec.....	46,800	46,800	48,600	0.0	- 3.7
Electrical Equipment....	50,200	50,400	50,300	- 0.4	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	84,100	84,600	87,000	- 0.6	- 3.3
Instruments & Clocks....	23,700	23,700	25,000	0.0	- 5.2
Other Durable...........	14,000	14,000	14,100	0.0	- 0.7
Nondurable..............	95,900	96,300	97,200	- 0.4	- 1.3
Food....................	12,900	12,700	12,300	+ 1.6	+ 4.9
Textiles................	3,700	3,800	4,300	- 2.6	- 14.0
Apparel.................	6,900	7,100	7,500	- 2.8	- 8.0
Paper...................	9,500	9,400	9,300	+ 1.1	+ 2.1
Printing & Publishing...	27,000	27,200	27,800	- 0.7	- 2.9
Chemicals...............	22,000	22,200	21,900	- 0.9	+ 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,100	12,200	12,500	- 0.8	- 3.2
Other Nondurable........	1,800	1,700	1,600	+ 5.9	+ 12.5
Nonmanufacturing.........	1,296,900*	1,286,300*	1,258,700*	+ 0.8	+ 3.0
Construction & Mining....	82,900	79,200	79,000	+ 4.7	+ 4.9
Transportation...........	41,700*	41,100*	39,400	+ 1.5	+ 5.8
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,800	16,600	15,500	+ 1.2	+ 8.4
Other Transportation....	24,900*	24,500*	23,900	+ 1.6	+ 4.2
Communications...........	19,000	19,100	19,400	- 0.5	- 2.1
Utilities................	13,000	13,100	13,000	- 0.8	0.0
Trade....................	381,300	377,200	368,100*	+ 1.1	+ 3.6
Wholesale...............	89,600	89,300	87,000	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Retail..................	291,700	287,900	281,100*	+ 1.3	+ 3.8
General Merchandise....	35,800	35,400	34,100	+ 1.1	+ 5.0
Food Stores............	49,500	49,200	48,600	+ 0.6	+ 1.9
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,500	33,200	32,200	+ 0.9	+ 4.0
Restaurants............	79,500	77,500	78,800	+ 2.6	+ 0.9
Other Retail Trade.....	93,400	92,600	87,400	+ 0.9	+ 6.9
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	151,900	151,700	148,800	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Banking.................	34,900	35,100	34,200	- 0.6	+ 2.0
Insurance...............	79,600	79,600	79,700	0.0	- 0.1
Real Estate.............	15,100	14,800	14,200	+ 2.0	+ 6.3
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	22,300	22,200	20,700	+ 0.5	+ 7.7
Services.................	399,700*	396,200	387,000*	+ 0.9	+ 3.3
Hotels..................	12,000	11,100	11,900	+ 8.1	+ 0.8
Personal Services.......	19,600	19,900	18,700	- 1.5	+ 4.8
Business Services.......	87,800*	87,400	87,200	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
Health Services.........	121,400	121,100	116,500*	+ 0.2	+ 4.2
Law & Professional......	36,100	36,000	33,200	+ 0.3	+ 8.7
Educational Services....	34,600	34,400	34,100	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
Other Services..........	88,200*	86,300	85,400	+ 2.2	+ 3.3
Government...............	207,400	208,700	204,000	- 0.6	+ 1.7
Federal.................	25,700	25,600	24,900	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
State & Local...........	181,700	183,100	179,100	- 0.8	+ 1.5

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987(R)	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987(R)	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$445.21	$446.54	$438.04	41.3	41.5	42.2	$10.78	$10.76	$10.38
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.........	457.29	457.80	448.78	41.8	42.0	42.7	10.94	10.90	10.51
Lumber & Furniture...........	364.88	362.79	334.13	41.7	41.7	40.5	8.75	8.70	8.25
Primary Metals...............	493.58	489.58	494.93	46.0	45.5	45.7	10.73	10.76	10.83
Fabricated Metals............	425.04	435.28	422.13	42.0	42.8	42.9	10.12	10.17	9.84
Machinery....................	523.46	518.90	506.92	45.4	45.2	46.0	11.53	11.48	11.02
Electrical Equipment.........	352.59	346.71	378.59	38.2	38.1	42.3	9.23	9.10	8.95
Transportation Equipment.....	529.99	529.66	506.35	40.8	40.9	41.1	12.99	12.95	12.32
Instruments and Clocks.......	438.12	439.90	414.54	43.9	44.3	42.3	9.98	9.93	9.80
Other Durable Mfg............	387.04	396.68	388.44	41.0	41.8	41.5	9.44	9.49	9.36
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING......	412.17	414.23	405.59	39.9	40.1	40.6	10.33	10.33	9.99
Food.........................	396.37	390.46	381.65	40.2	39.6	37.9	9.86	9.86	10.07
Textiles.....................	339.77	333.32	324.79	39.6	39.4	39.9	8.58	8.46	8.14
Apparel......................	243.02	243.57	239.47	36.6	36.3	37.3	6.64	6.71	6.42
Paper........................	475.59	474.86	495.04	41.5	41.4	44.8	11.46	11.47	11.05
Printing and Publishing......	415.10	427.78	387.34	37.6	38.4	37.9	11.04	11.14	10.22
Chemicals....................	531.05	538.82	527.79	43.0	43.7	43.8	12.35	12.33	12.05
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	363.04	359.31	356.38	40.7	40.6	41.2	8.92	8.85	8.65
Other Nondurable Mfg.........	307.25	304.68	366.59	34.6	34.9	41.8	8.88	8.73	8.77
CONSTRUCTION.................	654.88	665.49	600.98	40.6	41.2	39.8	16.13	15.91	15.10

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	May Number	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	Apr. Number	1988(R) Ratio to Labor Force	May Number	1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	42,200	2.4	43,400	2.5	55,400	3.2
Seasonally Adjusted...		(2.6)		(2.7)		(3.4)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport..........	6,900	3.1	7,300	3.2	8,900	3.8
Bristol.............	1,000	2.7	1.000	2.8	1,400	3.6
Danbury.............	2,700	2.5	2,600	2.4	3,300	2.9
Danielson...........	1,200	3.5	1,200	3.5	1,600	4.7
Hartford............	9,300	2.2	9,400	2.3	12,000	2.8
Middletown..........	1,200	2.2	1,000	2.0	1,500	2.8
Lower River.........	300	1.8	400	2.2	500	2.8
New Britain.........	1,800	2.4	1,800	2.6	2,500	3.4
New Haven...........	6,300	2.3	6,700	2.5	8,400	3.1
New London/Norwich...	3,700	2.8	3,700	2.8	4,200	3.2
Norwalk.............	1,600	2.0	1,500	1.9	2,000	2.5
Stamford............	2,000	1.7	2,200	1.9	2,700	2.3
Torrington..........	1,000	2.2	1,100	2.3	1,600	3.2
Waterbury...........	2,900	3.0	3,200	3.2	4,400	4.3
Willimantic.........	800	2.7	600	2.1	800	2.9
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.........	6,553,000	5.4	6,359,000	5.3	7,318,000	6.1
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.6)		(5.4)		(6.3)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	May '88	Apr. '88	May '87
All Items..........	352.0	350.8	338.7
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 3.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	May '88	Apr.'88	May '87(R)	Percent Change to May 1988 from:	
				Apr.'88	May '87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	201,570*	200,850*	198,000	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	57,220*	57,500	58,720	- 0.5	- 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	144,350*	143,350*	139,280	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,550	25,470	25,820	+ 0.3	- 1.0
Manufacturing	7,340	7,380	8,200	- 0.5	- 10.5
Nonmanufacturing	18,210	18,090	17,620	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	82,360	82,100	80,590	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	23,970	24,220	24,350	+ 1.0	- 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	58,390	57,880	56,240	+ 0.9	+ 3.8
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,580	23,370*	23,240	+ 0.9	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	8,900	8,840*	9,140	+ 0.7	- 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	14,680	14,530	14,100	+ 1.0	+ 4.1
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	487,480*	484,410*	472,540*	+ 0.6	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	92,830*	93,080*	91,230*	- 0.3	+ 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	394,650*	391,330	381,310	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	46,430	46,430	45,460	0.0	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	9,540	9,510	10,360	+ 0.3	- 7.9
Nonmanufacturing	36,890	36,920	35,100	- 0.1	+ 5.1
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,020	14,810	14,740*	+ 1.4	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	4,520	4,580	4,840	- 1.3	- 6.6
Nonmanufacturing	10,500	10,230	9,900*	+ 2.6	+ 6.1
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,110*	67,290	65,550	- 0.3	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	20,010*	20,850	21,060	- 4.0	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	47,100	46,440	44,490	+ 1.4	+ 5.9
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	256,680*	255,440*	249,780*	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	46,030	46,620	46,620*	- 1.3	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	210,650*	208,820*	203,160*	+ 0.9	+ 3.7
NEW LONDON-NORWICH***					
Total Nonag. Empl.	119,920*	119,080	118,120	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	33,170*	33,530	34,940	- 1.1	- 5.1
Nonmanufacturing	86,750*	85,550	83,180	+ 1.4	+ 4.3
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	74,250	73,760	72,960	+ 0.7	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	19,590	19,800	20,190	- 1.1	- 3.0
Nonmanufacturing	54,660	53,960	52,770	+ 1.3	+ 3.6
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	129,060	128,130	125,890	+ 0.7	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	23,900	23,830	23,910	+ 0.3	- 0.0**
Nonmanufacturing	105,160	104,300	101,980	+ 0.8	+ 3.1

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	May '88	Apr.'88	May '87(R)	Percent Change to May 1988 from: Apr.'88	May '87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,090	33,520	32,760	+ 1.7	+ 4.1
Manufacturing	8,010	8,010	7,840	0.0	+ 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	26,080	25,510	24,920	+ 2.2	+ 4.7
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	87,650*	87,680	87,080	- 0.0**	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	23,520	23,570	25,070	- 0.2	- 6.2
Nonmanufacturing	64,130*	64,110	62,010	+ 0.0**	+ 3.4
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,240	23,220	21,890	- 4.2	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	1,910	1,950	1,940	- 2.1	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	20,330	21,270	19,950	- 4.4	+ 1.9

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

*** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987	May 1988	Apr. 1988	May 1987
Bridgeport	$471.37	$470.95	$457.03	42.2	42.2	42.2	$11.17	$11.16	$10.83
Hartford	477.12	471.75	441.15	42.6	42.5	41.5	11.20	11.10	10.63
New Haven	414.32	410.66	408.03	40.5	40.3	40.6	10.23	10.19	10.05
Stamford	487.20	494.91	454.58	40.6	40.7	40.3	12.00	12.16	11.28
Waterbury	394.31	392.96	378.75	43.0	42.9	42.7	9.17	9.16	8.87

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)*		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.[illegible]
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1
Mar....	1655.5	1672.2	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5322.3
Apr....	1666.1(R)	1666.1(R)	2596	3205	2.5	2.7	5316.5(R)
May....	1674.3(P)	1666.0(P)	2331	3116	2.4	2.6	5335.3(P)
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	133.8	128.4
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	132.3	127.9
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	132.1	127.0
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.8	126.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	132.0	128.2
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	129.1	125.3
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	105.5	123.4
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	108.5	124.7
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	127.7	124.5
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	130.4	126.0
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	130.4	124.4
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	121.6	127.7
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	125.4
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	123.9
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	127.4	122.4
Apr....	19924	17966	41.5	41.5	128.0	123.7
May....	14189	14275	41.3	41.5	127.0	123.3
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan'87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,465,000r

Total Outstanding Loans
(5/31/88)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (5/31/88)
$321.5 million

*Interest bearing   r=revised

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July 1988

Jobs expanded to a record high in June when personal income also reached its highest level and Connectict unemployment recorded a seasonal increase, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: There was an increase of 16,000 jobs from May to June setting a new high of 1,686,900 (page 2). This was a 22,600 gain from 1987. Manufacturing added 700 jobs and nonmanufacturing employment increased by 15,300 over the month. Seasonal hiring boosted the number of people working in the trade category by 4,600 from May, services added 4,500 jobs, retail trade was up by 4,000 and construction, 2,900. Fourteen labor markets had higher employment and there was a monthly decline in Willimantic (pages 5 & 6).

Earnings of factory production workers averaged $449.11 weekly at $10.77 an hour, an increase from $448.69 and $10.76 in May and $7.50 a week and 33-cents above last year (page 3). The June workweek of 41.7 hours, unchanged from May, was down from 42.3 a year ago. Straight-time earnings advanced to $413.20 in June which was 3.7 percent higher than the 1987 weekly average of $398.40. Wages were highest in the Bristol area at $527.48, followed by Stamford, $488.84; Middletown, $480.17; Hartford, $476.43; New Britain, $473.76 and New London/Norwich, $473.08 (page 6). Construction workers were paid the highest wage, averaging $654.47 a week and those in transportation equipment, $526.10; chemicals, $520.57 and machinery, $519.55.

Unemployment: Joblessness in Connecticut was estimated at 53,000 for an actual 3 percent rate, a seasonal increase from May's total of 42,200 (2.4%). A year ago there were an estimated 58,000 people without work (3.3%). When adjusted for seasonal influences, the June rate was also 3 percent, up four-tenths from the month earlier and down from 3.3 in 1987. Both June rates remained substantially under national figures of 5.5 adjusted to 5.3 percent. The estimated unemployment rate includes people receiving benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force. With the exception of Willimantic, each of the labor markets experienced higher unemployment, and compared with last year it was lower in 13 markets and unchanged in two.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the economy (page 7), manufacturing output improved, personal income was at an all-time high of $5-billion, $353-million and seasonal factors brought an increase in filings for unemployment benefits.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	June 1988(P)	May 1988(R)	June 1987(R)	% Change June '88 over May '88	% Change June '88 over June '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,686,900*	1,670,900*	1,664,300*	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
Manufacturing.............	378,100*	377,400*	388,200*	+ 0.2	- 2.6
Durable..................	281,400*	281,700*	290,100	- 0.1	- 3.0
Lumber & Furniture......	7,700	7,500	7,500	+ 2.7	+ 2.7
Primary Metals..........	13,100*	12,900*	13,400	+ 1.6	- 2.2
Fabricated Metals.......	43,100*	42,100*	44,000	+ 2.4	- 2.0
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,500	46,900	48,700	+ 1.3	- 2.5
Electrical Equipment....	50,800	50,500	50,400	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
Transportation Equipment	81,500*	84,100	87,100	- 3.1	- 6.4
Instruments & Clocks....	23,600	23,700	24,900	- 0.4	- 5.2
Other Durable...........	14,100	14,000*	14,100	+ 0.7	0.0
Nondurable...............	96,700	95,700	98,100	+ 1.0	- 1.4
Food....................	13,100	12,700	12,700	+ 3.1	+ 3.1
Textiles................	3,700	3,800	4,300	- 2.6	- 14.0
Apparel.................	6,600	6,900	7,400	- 4.3	- 10.8
Paper...................	9,600	9,500	9,400	+ 1.1	+ 2.1
Printing & Publishing...	27,300	27,000	28,000	+ 1.1	- 2.5
Chemicals...............	22,400	22,000	22,100	- 1.8	+ 1.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,300	12,100	12,500	- 1.7	- 1.6
Other Nondurable........	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,308,800	1,293,500*	1,276,100*	+ 1.2	+ 2.6
Construction & Mining....	84,900	82,000	82,600	+ 3.5	+ 2.8
Transportation...........	41,700	41,200*	40,400	+ 1.2	+ 3.2
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,900	16,600	16,200	+ 1.8	+ 4.3
Other Transportation....	24,800	24,600*	24,200	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Communications...........	19,300	19,000	19,600	+ 1.6	- 1.5
Utilities................	13,100	13,000	13,100	+ 0.8	0.0
Trade....................	385,400	380,800	371,800*	+ 1.2	+ 3.7
Wholesale...............	90,200	89,600	87,600	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
Retail..................	295,200	291,200	284,200*	+ 1.4	+ 3.9
General Merchandise....	35,800	35,300	34,600	+ 1.4	+ 3.5
Food Stores............	50,900	49,500	48,700	+ 2.8	+ 4.5
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,700	33,500	32,300	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Restaurants............	80,700	79,500	80,300*	+ 1.5	+ 0.5
Other Retail Trade.....	94,100	93,400	88,300	+ 0.7	+ 6.6
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	153,500	152,000	151,500	+ 1.0	+ 1.3
Banking.................	35,300	35,000	35,000	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Insurance...............	80,100	79,700	80,700	+ 0.5	- 0.7
Real Estate.............	15,600	15,100	14,700	+ 3.3	+ 6.1
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	22,500	22,200	21,100	+ 1.4	+ 6.6
Services.................	402,600	398,100*	393,200*	+ 1.1	+ 2.4
Hotels..................	12,500	11,800	12,500	+ 5.9	0.0
Personal Services.......	19,500	19,600	18,600	- 0.5	+ 4.8
Business Services.......	88,600	87,300*	88,800	+ 1.5	- 0.2
Health Services.........	121,400	120,800	118,000*	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Law & Professional......	37,000	36,100	34,300	+ 2.5	+ 7.9
Educational Services....	33,200	34,600	33,000	- 4.0	+ 0.6
Other Services..........	90,400	87,900	88,000	+ 2.8	+ 2.7
Government...............	208,300	207,400	203,900	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Federal.................	25,800	25,700	25,400	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
State & Local...........	182,500	181,700	178,500	+ 0.4	+ 2.2

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	June 1988	May 1988(R)	June 1987(R)	June 1988	May 1988(R)	June 1987(R)	June 1988	May 1988(R)	June 1987(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$449.11	$448.69	$441.61	41.7	41.7	42.3	$10.77	$10.76	$10.44
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.........	461.92	461.07	454.31	42.3	42.3	42.9	10.92	10.90	10.59
Lumber & Furniture...........	356.65	364.88	341.07	40.9	41.7	40.7	8.72	8.75	8.38
Primary Metals...............	493.10	489.60	490.77	45.7	45.8	45.4	10.79	10.69	10.81
Fabricated Metals............	437.93	425.04	430.09	42.6	42.0	43.4	10.28	10.12	9.91
Machinery....................	519.55	523.46	513.82	45.1	45.4	46.0	11.52	11.53	11.17
Electrical Equipment.........	382.23	377.20	380.70	41.1	41.0	42.3	9.30	9.20	9.00
Transportation Equipment.....	526.10	529.99	511.71	40.5	40.8	41.3	12.99	12.99	12.39
Instruments and Clocks.......	450.69	438.12	416.93	44.8	43.9	42.5	10.06	9.98	9.81
Other Durable Mfg............	378.55	387.04	392.06	40.4	41.0	41.4	9.37	9.44	9.47
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING......	412.80	412.17	406.19	40.0	39.9	40.7	10.32	10.33	9.98
Food.........................	387.29	396.37	380.65	39.6	40.2	37.8	9.78	9.86	10.07
Textiles.....................	348.60	339.77	331.25	40.3	39.6	40.2	8.65	8.58	8.24
Apparel......................	242.72	243.02	245.48	37.0	36.6	38.0	6.56	6.64	6.46
Paper........................	482.77	475.59	499.66	42.2	41.5	45.3	11.44	11.46	11.03
Printing and Publishing......	418.50	415.10	384.00	37.5	37.6	37.5	11.16	11.04	10.24
Chemicals....................	520.57	531.05	518.52	42.6	43.0	43.5	12.22	12.35	11.92
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	364.83	363.04	358.48	40.9	40.7	41.3	8.92	8.92	8.68
Other Nondurable Mfg.........	328.04	307.25	384.50	36.9	34.6	44.4	8.89	8.88	8.66
CONSTRUCTION..................	654.47	654.88	595.19	40.6	40.6	39.6	16.12	16.13	15.03

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	June Number	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	May Number	1988(R) Ratio to Labor Force	June Number	1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	53,000	3.0	42,200	2.4	58,000	3.3
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.0)		(2.6)		(3.3)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport...........	8,300	3.6	6,900	3.1	9,100	3.9
Bristol..............	1,300	3.4	1,000	2.7	1,400	3.6
Danbury..............	3,500	3.1	2,700	2.5	3,500	3.1
Danielson............	1,300	3.9	1,200	3.5	1,600	4.5
Hartford.............	12,200	2.9	9,300	2.2	13,000	3.0
Middletown...........	1,300	2.4	1,200	2.2	1,500	2.8
Lower River..........	400	2.0	300	1.8	500	2.5
New Britain..........	2,200	3.0	1,800	2.4	2,700	3.6
New Haven............	8,000	2.9	6,300	2.3	8,900	3.2
New London/Norwich...	4,500	3.3	3,700	2.8	4,500	3.3
Norwalk..............	1,900	2.3	1,600	2.0	2,000	2.5
Stamford.............	2,700	2.2	2,000	1.7	2,900	2.4
Torrington...........	1,700	3.3	1,000	2.2	1,700	3.4
Waterbury............	3,700	3.6	2,900	3.0	4,500	4.3
Willimantic..........	600	2.2	800	2.7	700	2.8
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.........	6,819,000	5.5	6,553,000	5.4	7,655,000	6.3
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.3)		(5.6)		(6.1)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	June '88	May '88	June '87
All Items..........	353.5	352.0	340.1
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.4	+ 3.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

				Percent Change to June 1988 from:	
Statistical Area	June'88	May'88	June'87(R)	May'88	June'87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	201,990*	201,570*	200,060	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	55,270*	57,220*	59,040	- 3.4	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	146,720	144,350*	141,020	+ 1.6	+ 4.0
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,250	25,550	26,400	+ 2.7	- 0.6
Manufacturing	7,410	7,340	8,190	+ 1.0	- 9.5
Nonmanufacturing	18,840	18,210	18,210	+ 3.5	+ 3.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	83,500	82,360	81,670	+ 1.4	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	24,210	23,970	24,390	+ 1.0	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	59,290	58,390	57,280	+ 1.5	+ 3.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,600	23,580	23,470	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	8,850	8,900	9,220	- 0.6	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	14,750	14,680	14,250	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	491,300*	487,480*	478,550*	+ 0.8	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	93,250*	92,830*	91,980*	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	398,050*	394,650*	386,570*	+ 0.9	+ 3.0
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	46,850	46,430	46,140	+ 0.9	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	9,560	9,540	10,380	+ 0.2	- 7.9
Nonmanufacturing	37,290	36,890	35,760	+ 1.1	+ 4.3
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,550	15,020	14,910*	+ 3.5	+ 4.3
Manufacturing	4,590	4,520	4,640	+ 1.5	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	10,960	10,500	10,270*	+ 4.4	+ 6.7
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	68,210	67,110*	65,950	+ 1.6	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	20,720	20,010*	20,990	+ 3.5	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	47,490	47,100	44,960	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	258,580	256,680*	252,140*	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	46,260	46,030	46,840	+ 0.5	- 1.2
Nonmanufacturing	212,320	210,650*	205,300*	+ 0.8	+ 3.4
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	121,750*	119,920*	120,070	+ 1.5	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	33,070*	33,170*	34,640	- 0.3	- 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	88,680	86,750*	85,430	+ 2.2	+ 3.8
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	75,560	74,250	74,530	+ 1.8	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	19,750	19,590	20,360	+ 0.8	- 3.0
Nonmanufacturing	55,810	54,660	54,170	+ 2.1	+ 3.0
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	130,850	129,060	127,780	+ 1.4	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	24,170	23,900	23,950	+ 1.1	+ 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	106,680	105,160	103,830	+ 1.4	+ 2.7

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	June'88	May'88	June'87(R)	Percent Change to June 1988 from: May'88	June'87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,620	34,090	33,360	+ 1.6	+ 3.8
Manufacturing	7,990	8,010	7,890	- 0.2	+ 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	26,630	26,080	25,470	+ 2.1	+ 4.6
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	89,520	87,650*	88,080	+ 2.1	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	23,910	23,520	25,040	+ 1.7	- 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	65,610	64,130*	63,040	+ 2.3	+ 4.1
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	20,960	22,240	20,500	- 5.8	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	1,930	1,910	1,870	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	19,030	20,330	18,630	- 6.4	+ 2.1

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987
Bridgeport	$463.98	$471.37	$454.49	41.8	42.2	42.2	$11.10	$11.17	$10.77
Hartford	476.43	477.12	450.05	42.5	42.6	42.1	11.21	11.20	10.69
New Haven	419.83	414.32	411.07	40.8	40.5	40.7	10.29	10.23	10.10
Stamford	488.84	487.20	464.06	40.4	40.6	40.6	12.10	12.00	11.43
Waterbury	416.55	413.69(R)	384.77	43.3	43.5(R)	42.8	9.62	9.51(R)	8.99

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1988	Mar. 1988	June 1987	June 1988	Mar. 1988	June 1987	June 1988	Mar. 1988	June 1987
Bristol	$527.48	$496.25	$467.56	45.2	43.8	42.7	$11.67	$11.33	$10.95
Danbury	452.13	454.08	439.56	43.6	44.0	44.0	10.37	10.32	9.99
Danielson	395.07	390.16	372.65	39.0	41.2	40.2	10.13	9.47	9.27
Middletown	480.17	478.12	451.85	40.9	40.9	40.2	11.74	11.69	11.24
Lower River	365.88	364.61	348.35	39.9	40.2	40.6	9.17	9.07	8.58
New Britain	473.76	471.70	468.29	42.3	44.5	43.4	11.20	10.60	10.79
New London-Norwich**	473.08	473.40	451.45	40.4	40.6	40.2	11.71	11.66	11.23
Norwalk	465.47	463.95	443.10	42.9	43.4	42.2	10.85	10.69	10.50
Torrington	366.50	368.43	330.08	41.6	42.3	40.7	8.81	8.71	8.11
Willimantic	415.89	439.69	403.38	41.3	42.4	40.5	10.07	10.37	9.96

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

**The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

(R) Revised

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)*		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1
Mar....	1655.5	1672.2	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5322.3
Apr....	1666.1	1666.1	2596	3205	2.5	2.7	5316.5
May....	1670.9(R)	1662.6(R)	2331	3116	2.4	2.6	5329.1(R)
Jun....	1686.9(P)	1666.9(P)	3072	3293	3.0	3.0	5353.7(P)
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	133.8	128.4
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	132.3	127.9
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	132.1	127.0
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.8	126.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	132.0	128.2
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	129.1	125.3
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	105.5	123.4
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	108.5	124.7
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	127.7	124.5
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	130.4	126.0
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	130.4	124.4
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	121.6	127.7
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	125.4
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	123.9
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	129.5(R)	124.4(R)
Apr....	19924	17966	41.9(R)	41.9(R)	129.7(R)	125.3(R)
May....	14189	14275	41.7(R)	41.9(R)	129.0(R)	125.2(R)
Jun....	13507	13387	41.7	41.7	130.1	126.3
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary

* Series revised April, 1988

** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan'87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000
Jun	18,792	13,042,000	1,156,000
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,465,000r

Total Outstanding Loans
(6/30/88)

$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (5/31/88)
$309.5 million

*Interest bearing r=revised

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August 1988

Vacation shutdowns of Connecticut factories and other seasonal influences contributed to lower employment and increased unemployment during July, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: July's nonagricultural employment of 1,661,800 was down by 24,500 from June's level but 21,000 above July 1987 (page 2). Vacation closings were largely responsible for a 15,700 drop in manufacturing employment. In nonmanufacturing, there were monthly gains in finance, insurance and real estate, construction and jobs with hotels. Lower employment in government and transportation reflected summer furloughs of school support staff. Compared with last year, overall employment in the state was up 1.3 percent.

Both hourly and weekly earnings of factory production workers dropped in July to $446.78 and $10.74, respectively, for a slightly shorter workweek of 41.6 hours (page 3). A year ago these workers received an average of $441.84 a week at $10.52 per hour. Adjusted for a 40-hour week, July earnings were $10.31 an hour and $412.40 weekly, 2.4% over last year. The highest weekly wages were paid to construction workers, $643.19, followed by those in transportation equipment, $534.39; chemicals, $525.37, and machinery, $501.72. Factory workers in the Stamford area earned the highest weekly wage, $503.66, among the five largest markets, followed by Hartford, $477.24, and Bridgeport, $460.20 (page 6).

Unemployment: There was an unemployment increase from June's 53,000 (3.0%) to 55,600 (3.2%) in July, down from 58,400 (3.3%) a year earlier (page 4). The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.0 percent compared with 3.2 in 1987. The nation's July rate was 5.4 percent. Between June and July, ten labor markets had increases in joblessness while it dropped in five. Compared with last year, unemployment was lower in 11 areas, unchanged in Middletown, Lower River and Norwalk and up in Bridgeport.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents registered another new monthly high of $5-billion, 375-million (page 7). Other economic indicators showed fewer new automobile registrations, a decline in manufacturing output and more new (initial) claims for unemployment benefits.

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A report on 1987 wages paid to Connecticut workers, which led the nation with an average annual gain of 8.8 percent, is attached. Earnings of all U.S. workers rose 4.5 percent to a $20,855 average while Connecticut workers earned $24,314 last year.

CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	July 1988(P)	June 1988(R)	July 1987(R)	% Change July '88 over June '88	% Change July '88 over July '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,661,800*	1,686,300*	1,640,800*	- 1.5	+ 1.3
Manufacturing............	363,100*	378,800*	377,600*	- 4.1	- 3.8
Durable..................	268,900*	282,000*	281,700*	- 4.6	- 4.5
Lumber & Furniture......	7,500	7,700	7,400	- 2.6	+ 1.4
Primary Metals..........	12,300*	13,200	12,300	- 6.8	0.0
Fabricated Metals.......	42,000*	43,300*	41,400	- 3.0	+ 1.4
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,400	47,600	47,200	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Electrical Equipment....	49,200	50,900	49,400	- 3.3	- 0.4
Transportation Equipment	73,500*	81,500*	85,600	- 9.8	- 14.1
Instruments & Clocks....	23,200	23,700	24,700	- 2.1	- 6.1
Other Durable...........	13,800	14,100	13,700	- 2.1	+ 0.7
Nondurable...............	94,200	96,800	95,900	- 2.7	- 1.8
Food....................	12,000	13,000	12,400	- 7.7	- 3.2
Textiles................	3,500	3,600	4,100	- 2.8	- 14.6
Apparel.................	5,700	6,700	7,100	- 14.9	- 19.7
Paper...................	9,600	9,600	9,300	0.0	+ 3.2
Printing & Publishing...	27,100	27,300	27,300	- 0.7	- 0.7
Chemicals...............	22,700	22,600	21,900	+ 0.4	+ 3.7
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,900	12,300	12,000	- 3.3	- 0.8
Other Nondurable........	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,298,700*	1,307,500	1,263,200*	- 0.7	+ 2.8
Construction & Mining....	85,800*	83,900	83,300	+ 2.3	+ 3.0
Transportation...........	39,700	41,900	37,900	- 5.3	+ 4.7
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,100	17,000	16,200	+ 0.6	+ 5.6
Other Transportation....	22,600	24,900	21,700	- 9.2	+ 4.1
Communications...........	19,300	19,300	19,900	0.0	- 3.0
Utilities................	13,200	13,100	13,200	+ 0.8	0.0
Trade....................	383,200	384,600	370,600*	+ 0.4	- 3.4
Wholesale..............	90,200	89,800	88,200	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Retail.................	293,000	294,800	282,400*	- 0.6	+ 3.8
General Merchandise....	34,800	35,400	34,400	- 1.7	+ 1.2
Food Stores............	50,100	50,900	49,000	- 1.6	+ 2.2
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,600	33,700	32,100	- 0.3	+ 4.7
Restaurants............	80,600	80,700	78,800*	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Other Retail Trade.....	93,900	94,100	88,100	- 0.2	+ 6.6
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	154,800	153,500	152,000	+ 0.8	+ 1.8
Banking................	35,600	35,300	34,800	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Insurance..............	80,500	80,200	80,200	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Real Estate............	15,800	15,500	14,700	+ 1.9	+ 7.5
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	22,900	22,500	21,300	+ 1.8	+ 7.5
Services.................	403,400	402,900	391,400*	+ 0.1	+ 3.1
Hotels.................	13,200	12,500	12,200	+ 5.6	+ 8.2
Personal Services.......	19,200	19,500	18,500	- 1.5	+ 3.8
Business Services.......	88,900	88,900	88,000	0.0	+ 1.0
Health Services.........	121,200	122,100	116,900*	- 0.7	+ 3.7
Law & Professional......	37,200	37,000	34,200	+ 0.5	+ 8.8
Educational Services....	32,600	33,200	32,600	- 1.8	0.0
Other Services..........	91,100	89,700	89,000	+ 1.6	+ 2.4
Government...............	199,300	208,300	194,900	- 4.3	+ 2.3
Federal................	26,000	25,800	25,500	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
State & Local..........	173,300	182,500	169,400	- 5.0	+ 2.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987(R)	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987(R)	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$446.78	$449.11	$441.84	41.6	41.7	42.0	$10.74	$10.77	$10.52
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.........	458.53	461.92	454.97	42.3	42.3	42.6	10.84	10.92	10.68
Lumber & Furniture...........	358.97	356.65	329.15	40.7	40.9	39.8	8.82	8.72	8.27
Primary Metals...............	468.70	493.10	502.32	43.6	45.7	46.0	10.75	10.79	10.92
Fabricated Metals............	429.35	437.93	427.71	42.3	42.6	42.9	10.15	10.28	9.97
Machinery....................	501.72	519.55	513.47	44.4	45.1	46.3	11.30	11.52	11.09
Electrical Equipment.........	391.98	382.23	394.25	41.7	41.1	42.9	9.40	9.30	9.19
Transportation Equipment.....	534.39	526.10	508.31	40.7	40.5	40.6	13.13	12.99	12.52
Instruments and Clocks.......	449.38	450.69	409.08	45.3	44.8	41.7	9.92	10.06	9.81
Other Durable Mfg............	385.04	378.55	391.41	39.9	40.4	40.9	9.65	9.37	9.57
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING......	414.87	412.80	404.81	39.7	40.0	40.4	10.45	10.32	10.02
Food.........................	399.60	387.29	399.45	40.0	39.6	39.2	9.99	9.78	10.19
Textiles.....................	346.43	348.60	315.02	39.1	40.3	38.7	8.86	8.65	8.14
Apparel......................	244.30	242.72	242.90	36.3	37.0	37.6	6.73	6.56	6.46
Paper........................	485.52	482.77	490.84	42.0	42.2	44.3	11.56	11.44	11.08
Printing and Publishing......	415.89	418.50	382.50	37.1	37.5	37.1	11.21	11.16	10.31
Chemicals....................	525.37	520.57	515.81	42.3	42.6	43.2	12.42	12.22	11.94
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	352.63	364.83	356.34	40.3	40.9	41.1	8.75	8.92	8.67
Other Nondurable Mfg.........	304.67	328.04	389.40	35.1	36.9	44.3	8.68	8.89	8.79
CONSTRUCTION..................	643.19	654.47	599.47	39.9	40.6	39.7	16.12	16.12	15.10

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	July Number	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	June Number	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	July Number	1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	55,600	3.2	53,000	3.0	58,400	3.3
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.0)		(3.0)		(3.2)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport...........	9,900	4.3	8,300	3.6	9,300	4.1
Bristol..............	1,500	3.8	1,300	3.4	1,700	4.5
Danbury..............	3,300	2.9	3,500	3.1	3,600	3.3
Danielson............	1,500	4.4	1,300	3.9	1,600	4.6
Hartford.............	11,600	2.7	12,200	2.9	12,500	2.9
Middletown...........	1,300	2.5	1,300	2.4	1,300	2.5
Lower River..........	400	2.4	400	2.0	400	2.4
New Britain..........	2,700	3.7	2,200	3.0	2,800	3.8
New Haven............	8,600	3.1	8,000	2.9	8,800	3.2
New London/Norwich...	4,000	3.0	4,500	3.3	4,300	3.2
Norwalk..............	2,100	2.6	1,900	2.3	2,200	2.6
Stamford.............	2,400	2.0	2,700	2.2	2,700	2.3
Torrington...........	1,500	2.9	1,700	3.3	1,600	3.2
Waterbury............	4,500	4.4	3,700	3.6	5,300	5.2
Willimantic..........	600	2.5	600	2.2	700	2.7
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.........	6,823,000	5.4	6,819,000	5.5	7,453,000	6.0
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.4)		(5.2)		(6.0)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	July '88	June '88	July '87
All Items..........	354.9	353.5	340.8
Percent Change From.....	- xxx	+ 0.4	+ 4.1

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-**The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.**

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	July'88	June'88	July'87(R)	Percent Change to July 1988 from: June'88	July'87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	196,450*	201,990*	195,100	- 2.7	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	52,940*	55,270*	56,550	- 4.2	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	143,510	146,720	138,550	- 2.2	+ 3.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,050	26,250	25,520	- 0.8	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	7,060	7,410	7,540	- 4.7	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	18,990	18,840	17,980	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	81,760	83,500	80,030	- 2.1	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	23,480	24,210	23,580	- 3.0	- 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	58,280	59,290	56,450	- 1.7	+ 3.2
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,600	23,600	22,630	- 4.2	- 0.1
Manufacturing	8,010	8,850	8,940	- 9.5	- 10.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,590	14,750	13,690	- 1.1	+ 6.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	485,870*	491,300*	474,800*	- 1.1	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	92,230*	93,250*	90,760*	- 1.1	+ 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	393,640*	398,050*	384,040	- 1.1	+ 2.5
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	46,500	46,850	45,300	- 0.7	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	9,490	9,560	9,990	- 0.7	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	37,010	37,290	35,310	- 0.8	+ 4.8
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,430	15,550	14,920	- 0.8	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	4,430	4,590	4,660	- 3.5	- 4.9
Nonmanufacturing	11,000	10,960	10,260	+ 0.4	+ 7.2
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,110	68,210	64,560	- 1.6	+ 3.9
Manufacturing	20,040	20,720	20,050	- 3.3	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	47,070	47,490	44,510	- 0.9	+ 5.8
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	256,120	258,580	249,350*	- 1.0	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	45,300	46,260	45,900	- 2.1	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	210,820	212,320	203,450*	- 0.7	+ 3.6
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	113,660*	121,750*	118,310	- 6.6	- 3.9
Manufacturing	25,470*	33,070*	33,370	- 23.0	- 23.7
Nonmanufacturing	88,190	88,680	84,940	- 0.6	+ 3.8
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	75,080	75,560	74,560	- 0.6	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	19,510	19,750	20,340	- 1.2	- 4.1
Nonmanufacturing	55,570	55,810	54,220	- 0.4	+ 2.5
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	129,350	130,850	126,730	- 1.1	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	23,330	24,170	23,370	- 3.5	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	106,020	106,680	103,360	- 0.6	+ 2.6

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	July'88	June'88	July'87(R)	Percent Change to June 1988 from: June'88	July'87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,280	34,620	32,750	- 1.0	+ 4.7
Manufacturing	7,780	7,990	7,380	- 2.6	+ 5.4
Nonmanufacturing	26,500	26,630	25,370	- 0.5	+ 4.5
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	87,810	89,520	84,950	- 1.9	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	22,160	23,910	22,480	- 7.3	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	65,650	65,610	62,470	+ 0.1	+ 5.1
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	20,310	20,960	20,130	- 3.1	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	1,760	1,930	1,860	- 8.8	- 5.4
Nonmanufacturing	18,550	19,030	18,270	- 2.5	+ 1.5

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

*** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987	July 1988	June 1988	July 1987
Bridgeport	$460.20	$463.98	$449.19	41.2	41.8	41.4	$11.17	$11.10	$10.85
Hartford	477.24	476.43	447.26	41.9	42.5	41.8	11.39	11.21	10.70
New Haven	420.39	419.83	409.46	40.5	40.8	40.5	10.38	10.29	10.11
Stamford	503.66	488.84	484.77	40.1	40.4	42.9	12.56	12.10	11.30
Waterbury	400.58	416.55	377.87	40.3	43.3	41.8	9.94	9.62	9.04

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)*		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1
Mar....	1655.5	1672.2	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5322.3
Apr....	1666.1	1666.1	2596	3205	2.5	2.7	5316.5
May....	1670.9	1662.6	2331	3116	2.4	2.6	5329.1
Jun....	1686.3(R)	1666.3(R)	3072	3293	3.0	3.0	5352.3(R)
Jul....	1661.8(P)	1668.5(P)	5278	3593	3.2	3.0	5375.4(P)
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	128.5	124.5
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	128.0	124.6
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	129.4	124.8
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.2	125.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	130.1	125.9
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	131.0	126.5
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	104.8	122.1
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	104.4	119.4
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	124.8	121.2
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	128.4	124.2
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	128.1	122.0
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	118.6	125.0
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	126.6
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	124.7
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	129.5	124.9
Apr....	19924	17966	41.9	41.9	129.7	124.8
May....	14189	14275	41.7	41.9	129.0	124.9
Jun....	13507	13387	41.7	41.7	130.1	125.7
Jul....	8854	8845	41.6	41.9	102.0	118.9
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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* Series revised April, 1988

** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan'87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000
Jun	18,792	13,042,000	1,156,000
Jul	22,816	13,026,000	11,005,000
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,465,000r

Total Outstanding Loans
(7/31/88)
$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (7/31/88)
$307.3 million

*Interest bearing r=revised

Connecticut Workers Rank Number One in Average Earnings Gains in 1987

With average earnings of $24,314 in 1987, the 1.6 million plus Connecticut workers covered under State and Federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) laws were among the highest paid in the nation. Figures recently released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show wage earners here ranking third among the 50 states. Workers in Alaska held first place with average annual earnings of $28,008, while New Yorkers took the second spot with an average of $24,634. In terms of relative growth from 1986, however, Connecticut's covered wage and salary workers led the nation with an average 8.8 percent gain. Earnings of the New York workers rose by 6.2 percent from 1986 while Alaskan wage earners actually lost ground (-1.5 percent). The earnings of all U.S. workers covered by State and Federal UI laws rose 4.5 percent from a year earlier to average $20,855 in 1987.

Connecticut's gain -- like Alaska's loss -- was spread throughout the economy, with service worker earnings (+ 10.9 percent) and those of retail trade and construction industry personnel (+ 10.7 and 10.5 percent, respectively) showing the greatest relative gains. However, highest earnings in Connecticut continued to be centered in the financial sector, and specifically in the Security and Commodity Brokers group ($68,270 per worker for the year) and in Holding and Other Investment Offices ($58,345). Next highest averages were reported in Tobacco Products manufacturing ($51,808), Mining ($41,585) and Chemical Products firms ($40,688), all of which have corporate headquarters and research facilities in the State.

Although employment in Connecticut's factory sector has been declining (-3.3 percent in 1986, -2.6 percent in 1987), earnings of its workers have continued to rise. In 1987 they averaged $30,070, up a substantial 5.3 percent from 1986. Only two other states, Delaware and Michigan, reported higher factory sector earnings last year.

Approximately 1 in every 5 Connecticut manufacturing workers is employed in the Transportation Equipment Industry whose major products are aircraft engines, helicopters, aircraft parts and submarines. The Transportation Equipment Industry reported aggregate payrolls of nearly $3.0 billion in 1987 and average earnings of $34,009 per worker.

Overall factory payrolls in the State totaled almost $11.6 billion and accounted for nearly 3 of every 10 dollars paid out in wages by Connecticut employers. In the fourth quarter of 1987 there were 6,486 active manufacturing establishments out of a total 95,865 UI covered places of business. The payrolls of all-covered employers in the State amounted to $39.7 billion, up 10.8 percent from a year earlier, while the average number of workers employed exceeded 1,633,000, up 2.6 percent from 1986.

Connecticut Labor Department
Employment Security Division
Office of Research and Information

CONNECTICUT

COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY INDUSTRY *
FOR 1987

Industrial Classification	Units Reporting 4th Qtr.	Annual Average Employment	Total Wages (in millions)	Annual Average Wage	Average Weekly Wage
TOTAL - ALL INDUSTRIES	95,865	1,633,142	$39,708.8	$24,314	$467.58
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1,969	13,669	210.0	15,360	295.38
Agriculture Production - Crops	127	4,383	56.2	12,831	246.75
Agriculture Production - Livestock	53	1,109	21.5	19,425	373.56
Agriculture Services	1,763	8,096	130.1	16,071	309.06
Forestry and Fishing	26	81	2.1	25,447	489.37
Mining	83	1,585	65.9	41,585	799.71
Construction	12,957	77,958	2,266.4	29,072	559.08
General Building Contractors	4,597	24,006	726.3	30,254	581.81
Heavy Construction Contractors	419	7,091	253.0	35,676	686.08
Special Trade Contractors	7,941	46,861	1,287.1	27,467	528.21
Manufacturing	6,486	384,865	11,572.8	30,070	578.27
Food and Kindred Products	194	12,246	329.3	26,887	517.06
Tobacco Manufacturers	5	504	26.1	51,808	996.31
Textile Mill Products	71	4,211	89.9	21,344	410.46
Apparel and Other Textile Products	182	7,456	134.1	17,985	345.87
Lumber and Wood Products	266	3,569	94.9	26,593	511.40
Furniture and Fixtures	131	3,926	83.8	21,346	410.50
Paper and Allied Products	106	9,364	321.5	34,332	660.23
Printing and Publishing	990	28,079	690.2	24,581	472.71
Chemicals and Allied Products	176	21,869	889.8	40,688	782.46
Petroleum and Coal Products	17	300	10.9	36,345	698.94
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	289	12,368	316.3	25,576	491.88
Leather and Leather Products	19	829	11.8	14,279	274.60
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	168	5,028	146.0	29,031	558.29
Primary Metal Industries	200	13,225	378.7	28,634	550.65
Fabricated Metal Products	1,011	43,345	1,128.7	26,039	500.75
Machinery, Except Electrical	1,434	47,612	1,505.0	31,609	607.87
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	535	50,227	1,471.2	29,291	563.29
Transportation Equipment	175	86,965	2,957.6	34,009	654.02
Instruments and Related Products	279	24,764	758.5	39,628	589.00
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	238	8,982	228.7	25,462	489.65
Transportation, Communications & Util.	2,970	69,691	2,058.3	29,535	567.98
Local and Interurban Passenger Transit	292	9,282	134.8	14,524	279.31
Trucking and Warehousing	1,150	16,220	440.6	27,162	522.35
Water Transportation	186	2,255	66.4	29,451	566.37
Transportation by Air	138	4,113	102.2	24,852	477.92
Railroad and Transportation Services	684	5,213	131.2	25,175	484.13
Communication and Utilities	520	32,608	1,183.1	36,282	697.73
Wholesale Trade	9,092	87,221	2,850.8	32,684	628.54
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	5,931	54,406	1,861.4	34,214	657.96
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	3,161	32,815	989.3	30,149	579.79

Industrial Classification	Units Reporting 4th Qtr.	Annual Average Employment	Total Wages (in millions)	Annual Average Wage	Average Weekly Wage
Retail Trade	**19,998**	**283,873**	**$ 3,841.9**	**$13,534**	**$260.27**
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	1,043	11,933	250.6	20,997	403.79
General Merchandise Stores	391	35,414	445.2	12,571	241.75
Food Stores	2,209	49,826	585.3	11,747	225.90
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2,545	31,998	712.9	22,279	428.44
Apparel and Accessories Stores	1,682	20,530	244.3	11,899	228.83
Furniture and Home Furnishing Stores	1,778	13,852	246.9	17,821	342.71
Eating and Drinking Places	5,047	77,160	698.8	9,057	174.17
Miscellaneous Retail	5,303	43,159	657.9	15,244	293.15
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	**7,461**	**148,487**	**4,413.2**	**29,701**	**571.17**
Banking	614	34,132	735.6	21,552	414.46
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	700	11,497	346.7	30,155	579.90
Security, Commodity Brokers & Services	627	6,490	443.1	68,270	1,312.88
Insurance Carriers	473	69,159	2,012.6	29,102	559.65
Insurance Agents, Brokers & Services	1,454	9,862	307.4	31,169	599.40
Real Estate	3,263	14,592	415.1	28,449	547.10
Combined Real Estate, Insurance, Etc.	70	477	13.9	29,069	559.02
Holding and Other Investment Offices	260	2,378	138.7	58,345	1,122.02
Services	**31,384**	**368,002**	**7,645.0**	**20,774**	**399.50**
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	362	12,014	145.5	12,114	232.96
Personal Services	3,257	18,832	235.4	12,500	240.38
Business Services	7,445	87,560	1,908.1	21,792	419.08
Auto Repair, Services and Garages	2,000	11,296	212.4	18,801	361.56
Miscellaneous Repair Services	943	4,380	105.8	24,160	464.62
Motion Pictures	237	1,892	38.2	20,204	388.54
Amusement and Recreation Services	959	12,514	175.1	13,991	269.06
Health Services	5,892	116,819	2,658.5	22,757	437.63
Legal Services	2,060	13,367	404.9	30,292	582.54
Educational Services	556	30,372	597.4	19,668	378.23
Social Services	1,373	21,505	287.2	13,357	256.87
Museums, Botanical, Zoological Gardens	57	1,098	13.7	12,441	239.25
Membership Organizations	1,454	12,452	162.6	13,056	251.08
Private Households	2,503	3,294	35.9	10,895	209.52
Miscellaneous Services	2,286	20,609	664.3	32,235	619.90
Government	**3,465**	**197,691**	**4,784.7**	**24,203**	**465.44**
Federal Government	608	25,175	686.9	27,285	524.71
State Government	663	59,656	1,508.5	25,286	486.26
Local Government	2,194	112,860	2,589.3	22,943	441.21

* Covered employment under unemployment insurance laws includes all workers with the following general exceptions: (1) Railroad employees who are covered under a special railroad unemployment insurance act: (2) Religious organizations and some private elementary and secondary schools run by churches: and (3) Certain agricultural and private household workers whose employers do not meet the size or payroll or time criteria established by the laws.

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Connecticut's nonfarm employment increased by 1,100 jobs in August when unemployment dropped slightly and other economic indicators improved, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total employment at 1,659,600 compared with 1,658,500 in July and there was a gain of 18,800 jobs from last year (page 2). Manufacturing employment, with few exceptions, showed an overall monthly increase while the nonmanufacturing sector dropped. Jobs were added in such nonmanufacturing categories as construction, hotels, business services and transportation. Eight labor market areas had higher August employment which declined in six and was unchanged in Willimantic. Compared with 1987, employment was up in 14 areas and dropped in New London/Norwich (pages 5 & 6).

Factory wages, hourly earnings and the average workweek, reflecting temporary vacation shutdowns, were lower in August (page 3). The average weekly pay at $438.78 and $10.65 an hour for a 41.2-hour week was off from 41.6 hours in July. Last year, these workers earned $435.97 at a $10.48 hourly rate for 41.6 hours. Computed on a straight-time basis, wages this August were $10.26 hourly and $410.40 weekly, up (2.0 percent) from $10.06 and $402.40, respectively, a year ago. Construction workers continued to receive the highest average weekly pay, $643.93, followed by those in chemicals, $514.60; transportation equipment, $511.83, and machinery, $506.79.

Unemployment: There was a monthly unemployment decrease of 1,100 to 54,500 for an actual rate of 3.1 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate was down from 3.2 to 3.1 percent (page 4). Last year there were an estimated 56,800 people unemployed for a 3.3 percent actual and seasonally adjusted rate. The August rates for Connecticut remained substantially below the national 5.3 percent actual and 5.5 adjusted figures. Unemployment was down from July in 10 labor markets, increased in Hartford, Middletown, New London/Norwich and Stamford and remained at 2.4 percent in the Lower River area. Included in the unemployment estimate are those people receiving compensation payments, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the economy (page 7), personal income of state residents set another new monthly high of $5 billion, 426 million, new automobile registrations were up, manufacturing output improved and initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits declined.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Aug. 1988(P)	July 1988(R)	Aug. 1987(R)	% Change Aug. '88 over July '88	% Change Aug. '88 over Aug. '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,659,600*	1,658,500*	1,640,800*	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Manufacturing............	367,400*	363,000*	377,600*	+ 1.2	- 2.7
Durable..................	270,500*	268,800*	281,700*	+ 0.6	- 4.0
Lumber & Furniture......	7,600	7,500	7,400	+ 1.3	+ 2.7
Primary Metals..........	12,800	12,300*	12,300	+ 4.1	+ 4.1
Fabricated Metals.......	41,900*	41,500*	41,400*	+ 1.0	+ 1.2
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,000	47,500	47,200	- 1.1	- 0.4
Electrical Equipment....	50,500	49,300	49,400	+ 2.4	+ 2.2
Transportation Equipment	73,700*	73,500*	85,600	+ 0.3	- 13.9
Instruments & Clocks....	23,200	23,300	24,700	- 0.4	- 6.1
Other Durable...........	13,800	13,900	13,700	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Nondurable...............	96,900	94,200	95,900	+ 2.9	+ 1.0
Food....................	13,000	12,000	12,400	+ 8.3	+ 4.8
Textiles................	3,500	3,400	4,100	+ 2.9	- 14.6
Apparel.................	6,800	5,700	7,100	+ 19.3	- 4.2
Paper...................	9,600	9,500	9,300	+ 1.1	+ 3.2
Printing & Publishing...	27,300	27,300	27,400	0.0	- 0.4
Chemicals...............	22,900	22,700	21,900	+ 0.9	+ 4.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,000	11,900	12,000	+ 0.8	0.0
Other Nondurable........	1,800	1,700	1,700	+ 5.9	+ 5.9
Nonmanufacturing.........	1,292,200*	1,295,500*	1,263,200*	- 0.3	+ 2.3
Construction & Mining....	85,000	84,100*	83,300*	+ 1.1	+ 2.0
Transportation...........	39,500	39,400	37,900	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,000	16,900	16,200	+ 0.6	+ 4.9
Other Transportation....	22,500	22,500	21,700	0.0	+ 3.7
Communications...........	19,400	19,300	19,900	+ 0.5	- 2.5
Utilities................	13,200	13,200	13,200	0.0	0.0
Trade....................	383,700*	383,800	370,600	0.0**	+ 3.5
Wholesale...............	90,300	90,100	88,200	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Retail..................	293,400*	293,700	282,400	- 0.1	+ 3.9
General Merchandise....	34,900	35,500	34,400	- 1.7	+ 1.5
Food Stores............	50,300*	50,100	49,000	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,600	33,600	32,100	0.0	+ 4.7
Restaurants............	80,600	80,600	78,800	0.0	+ 2.3
Other Retail Trade.....	94,000	93,900	88,100	+ 0.1	+ 6.7
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	153,400	154,000	152,000	- 0.4	+ 0.9
Banking.................	35,500	35,600	34,800	- 0.3	+ 2.0
Insurance...............	79,700	80,100	81,200	- 0.5	+ 1.8
Real Estate.............	15,700	15,800	14,700	- 0.6	+ 6.8
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	22,500	22,500	21,300	0.0	+ 5.6
Services.................	402,100	402,500	391,400	- 0.1	+ 2.7
Hotels..................	12,700	12,500	12,200	+ 1.6	+ 4.1
Personal Services.......	19,200	19,200	18,500	0.0	+ 3.8
Business Services.......	89,800	89,200	88,000	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
Health Services.........	120,700	121,000	116,900	- 0.2	+ 3.3
Law & Professional......	37,300	37,200	34,200	+ 0.3	+ 9.1
Educational Services....	32,300	32,600	32,600	- 0.9	- 0.9
Other Services..........	90,100	90,800	89,000	- 0.8	+ 1.2
Government...............	195,900	199,200	194,900	- 1.7	+ 0.5
Federal.................	25,900	25,900	25,500	0.0	+ 1.6
State & Local...........	170,000	173,300	169,400	- 1.9	+ 0.4

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.05 percent.
(R) Revised estimate
(P) Preliminary estimate

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. 1988(P)	July 1988	Aug. 1987(R)	Aug. 1988(P)	July 1988	Aug. 1987(R)	Aug. 1988(P)	July 1988	Aug. 1987(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$438.78	$446.78	$435.97	41.2	41.6	41.6	$10.65	$10.74	$10.48
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.........	453.18	458.53	446.65	42.0	42.3	41.9	10.79	10.84	10.66
Lumber & Furniture..........	364.62	358.97	351.09	41.2	40.7	41.5	8.85	8.82	8.46
Primary Metals..............	485.25	468.70	499.59	44.6	43.6	45.5	10.88	10.75	10.98
Fabricated Metals...........	435.69	429.35	423.73	42.3	42.3	42.5	10.30	10.15	9.97
Machinery...................	506.79	501.72	477.12	44.3	44.4	42.6	11.44	11.30	11.20
Electrical Equipment.........	382.75	391.98	382.20	41.2	41.7	42.0	9.29	9.40	9.10
Transportation Equipment.....	511.83	534.39	506.21	39.8	40.7	40.4	12.86	13.13	12.53
Instruments and Clocks.......	448.45	449.38	416.44	44.8	45.3	42.8	10.01	9.92	9.73
Other Durable Mfg............	378.10	385.04	395.62	39.8	39.9	41.6	9.50	9.65	9.51
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING......	402.98	414.87	407.18	39.2	39.7	40.8	10.28	10.45	9.98
Food.........................	386.97	399.60	407.63	40.1	40.0	40.2	9.65	9.99	10.14
Textiles.....................	354.71	346.43	334.15	40.4	39.1	40.7	8.78	8.86	8.21
Apparel......................	241.85	244.30	249.22	36.7	36.3	38.4	6.59	6.73	6.49
Paper........................	462.67	485.52	476.11	40.8	42.0	43.6	11.34	11.56	10.92
Printing and Publishing......	420.74	415.89	390.79	37.6	37.1	38.2	11.19	11.21	10.23
Chemicals....................	514.60	525.37	503.63	41.5	42.3	42.5	12.40	12.42	11.85
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	339.40	352.63	370.44	38.7	40.3	42.0	8.77	8.75	8.82
Other Nondurable Mfg.........	313.05	304.67	347.75	35.9	35.1	41.3	8.72	8.68	8.42
CONSTRUCTION.................	643.93	643.19	604.79	39.7	39.9	39.4	16.22	16.12	15.35

(P) Preliminary estimate
(R) Revised estimate

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Aug. Number	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	July Number	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	Aug. Number	1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	54,500	3.1	55,600	3.2	56,800	3.3
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.1)		(3.0)		(3.3)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport..........	9,100	3.9	9,900	4.3	8,800	3.9
Bristol..............	1,400	3.6	1,500	3.8	1,400	3.8
Danbury..............	3,100	2.7	3,300	2.9	3,500	3.2
Danielson............	1,500	4.3	1,500	4.4	1,500	4.5
Hartford.............	12,200	2.8	11,600	2.7	12,800	3.0
Middletown...........	1,400	2.6	1,300	2.5	1,300	2.5
Lower River..........	400	2.4	400	2.4	400	2.4
New Britain..........	2,500	3.3	2,700	3.7	2,700	3.7
New Haven............	8,400	3.0	8,600	3.1	8,800	3.2
New London/Norwich...	4,400	3.2	4,000	3.0	4,700	3.5
Norwalk..............	1,900	2.2	2,100	2.6	2,000	2.4
Stamford.............	2,500	2.2	2,400	2.0	2,600	2.2
Torrington...........	1,400	2.7	1,500	2.9	1,400	2.8
Waterbury............	4,000	3.9	4,500	4.4	4,400	4.4
Willimantic..........	600	2.4	600	2.5	600	2.4
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.........	6,659,000	5.3	6,823,000	5.4	7,088,000	5.7
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.5)		(5.4)		(5.9)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Aug. '88	July '88	Aug. '87
Percent Change From....			
1967=100.................	356.6	354.9	342.7
1982-84=100..............	119.0	118.5	114.4
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.4	+4.0

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

				Percent Change to August 1988 from:	
Statistical Area	Aug.'88	July'88	Aug.'87(R)	July'88	Aug.'87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	199,500	196,450*	196,290	+ 1.6	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	56,540	52,940*	57,430	+ 6.8	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	142,960	143,510	138,860	- 0.4	+ 3.0
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,040	26,050	25,680	- 0.0	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	7,070	7,060	7,700	+ 0.1	- 8.2
Nonmanufacturing	18,970	18,990	17,980	- 0.1	+ 5.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	81,870	81,760	79,600	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	23,860	23,480	23,320	+ 1.6	+ 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	58,010	58,280	56,280	- 0.5	+ 3.1
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,860	22,600	22,330	+ 1.2	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	8,310	8,010	8,600	+ 3.7	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,550	14,590	13,730	- 0.3	+ 6.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	484,040*	485,870*	472,660*	- 0.4	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	90,640*	92,230*	88,670*	- 1.7	+ 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	393,400	393,640*	383,990	- 0.1	+ 2.5
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	46,110	46,500	45,330	- 0.8	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	8,960	9,490	9,800	- 5.6	- 8.6
Nonmanufacturing	37,150	37,010	35,530	+ 0.4	+ 4.6
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,640	15,430	14,920	+ 1.4	+ 4.8
Manufacturing	4,700	4,430	4,680	+ 6.1	+ 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	10,940	11,000	10,240	- 0.5	+ 6.8
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,090	67,110	64,930	- 0.0	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	19,960	20,040	20,260	- 0.4	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	47,130	47,070	44,670	+ 0.1	+ 5.5
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	256,590	256,120	248,370*	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	45,580	45,300	45,490	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	211,030	210,820	202,880*	+ 0.1	+ 4.0
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	114,090*	113,660*	119,190*	+ 0.4	- 4.3
Manufacturing	25,770*	25,470*	34,020	+ 1.2	- 24.3
Nonmanufacturing	88,320	88,190	85,170*	+ 0.1	+ 3.7
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	74,970	75,080	74,180	- 0.1	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	19,600	19,510	20,140	+ 0.5	- 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	55,370	55,570	54,040	- 0.4	+ 2.5
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	129,320	129,350	127,050	- 0.0	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	23,090	23,330	23,440	- 1.0	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	106,230	106,020	103,610	+ 0.2	+ 2.5

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Aug.'88	July'88	Aug.'87(R)	Percent Change to August 1988 from: July'88	Aug.'87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,590	34,280	33,480	+ 0.9	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	7,790	7,780	7,760	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	26,800	26,500	25,720	+ 1.1	+ 4.2
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	89,110	87,820	86,550	+ 1.5	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	23,430	22,170	23,770	+ 5.7	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	65,680	65,650	62,780	+ 0.0	+ 4.6
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	20,310	20,310	20,160	0.0	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	1,720	1,760	1,860	- 2.3	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	18,590	18,550	18,300	+ 0.2	+ 1.6

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

(R) Revised

Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987	Aug. 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987	Aug. 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987
Bridgeport	$444.17	$460.20	$441.98	39.8	41.2	41.0	$11.16	$11.17	$10.78
Hartford	463.50	477.24	441.08	41.2	41.9	41.3	11.25	11.39	10.68
New Haven	409.85	420.39	412.70	40.3	40.5	40.7	10.17	10.38	10.14
Stamford	505.00	503.66	473.48	40.4	40.1	42.2	12.50	12.56	11.22
Waterbury	425.64	400.58	378.11	43.3	40.3	42.2	9.83	9.94	8.96

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNEC~~TICUT~~ ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)*		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1
Mar....	1655.5	1672.2	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5322.3
Apr....	1666.1	1666.1	2596	3205	2.5	2.7	5316.5
May....	1670.9	1662.6	2331	3116	2.4	2.6	5329.1
Jun....	1686.3	1666.3	2971(R)	3184(R)	3.0	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1658.5(R)	1665.2(R)	5278	3593	3.2	3.0	5367.4(R)
Aug....	1659.6(P)	1673.0(P)	3020	3275	3.1	3.1	5426.9(P)
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	128.5	124.5
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	128.0	124.6
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	129.4	124.8
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.2	125.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	130.1	125.9
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	131.0	126.5
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	104.8	122.1
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	104.4	119.4
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	124.8	121.2
Oct.	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	128.4	124.2
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	128.1	122.0
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	118.6	125.0
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	126.6
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	124.7
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	129.5	124.9
Apr....	19924	17966	41.9	41.9	129.7	124.8
May....	14189	14275	41.7	41.9	129.0	124.9
Jun....	13507	13387	41.7	41.7	130.1	125.7
Jul....	8854	8845	41.6	41.9	102.0	118.9
Aug....	11780	10938	41.2	41.9	105.4	120.6
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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* Series revised April, 1988

** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1973	36,314	$117,610,000	$114,163,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
Jan '87	33,123	$18,946,000	$ 5,870,000
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000
Jan '88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000
Jun	17,848r	13,042,000	1,156,000
Jul	21,749r	13,026,000	11,005,000
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans	
1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*

Direct Loan Repayments	
1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,447,000r

Total Outstanding Loans
(8/31/88)
$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (8/31/88)
$329.4 million

*Interest bearing r=revised

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